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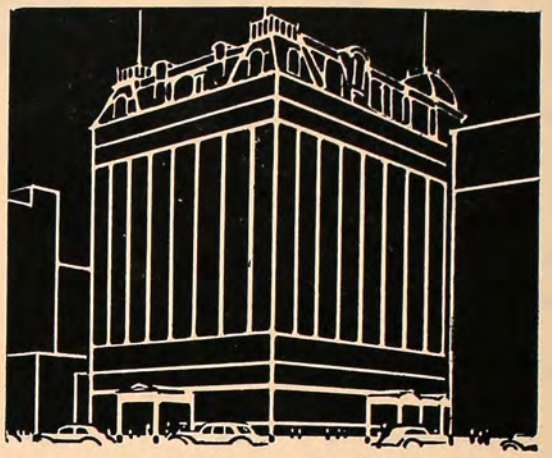

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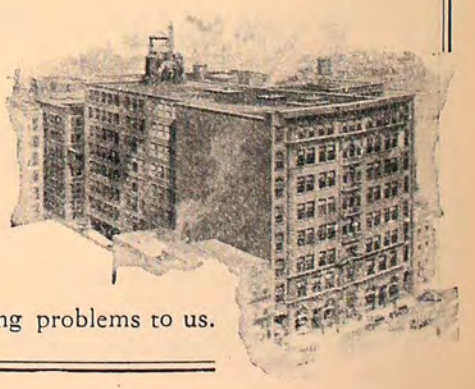

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The Bishop's Message

In a great Diocese like Pennsylvania, events of importance are taking place every month and challenges are being made to our faith in and love for Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

The Convocations of North Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Germantown have been held. In each of these, the attendance was large and the interest very manifest. The Woman's Aid on each occasion was present. As was to be expected, the Woman's Aid was always ready to take up needed work and remain with it until its conclusion. The North Philadelphia Convocation met at St. Augustine's, our flourishing colored Church. A wonderful dinner was served and the enlarged Parish Building was dedicated. A new heating plant made both Church and Parish House *more than* comfortable. The Mission has made great sacrifices to secure this needed addition, and is to be congratulated. It is now equipped for the great opportunities before it. After dinner, a beautiful Christmas Pageant was presented. Germantown had made an interesting evaluation of its missionary work and opportunities, and made helpful suggestions for the great usefulness of its resources and missionary forces. West Philadelphia had a most interesting discussion as to the best way to administer its work and the best method by which it could contribute its share of funds for the great missionary enterprises of the Church.

Two Deacons, the Rev. Menicos Nicholas Menicon and the Rev. Myles Alois Vollmer, were advanced to the Priesthood in the Bishop's Chapel at the Church House on the festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Rev. Mr. Menicon goes as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army and the Rev. Mr. Vollmer as Assistant at St. Thomas Church, New York City.

January 26, 27, and 28, the Galilee Mission celebrated its 38th anniversary. In the providence of God, this Mission has been the means of rescuing thousands from lives of debauchery. When the Mission was about to be established and a location was sought, the police authorities stated that more arrests were made from Darian and Vine Streets than from any section of the city. Accordingly, a brewery that stood on the corner was purchased and a home for inebriates established. Old "Daddy Hall" did a wonderful work; but its present head, Mr. George W. Wilkins, has broadened its purpose and provided also a home for homeless boys. He likewise took charge of the homeless men of the city and provided for thousands of them in the old Baldwin Locomotive Works.

The Philadelphia Divinity School, though not a Diocesan Institution, was in great financial difficulties. $300,000 of its endowment was unproductive. Salaries could not be paid its professors, who generously agreed to work without pay. As the Bishops and most of the Clergy of the Diocese were graduates of that School, it became almost a Diocesan question. While we were looking for additional support, it was felt that we might get the opinion of experts as to how the School might be made more efficient. Dr. McGregor, the head of the Religious Education Department of the National Council, and others equally qualified, volunteered their services and gave us a plan for a more economical and perhaps better administration. This plan was adopted at a meeting of the Joint Boards on January 22, and endorsed at the mid-winter banquet of the Alumni. It was inconceivable that we should abandon $1,000,000 worth of property, especially when the School was not suffering from lack of students.

Our Books have been closed for the year 1934. We fell just a little short of our mark in missionary offerings. Instead of $150,000, we could only send the National Council $142,742.34. This both the Bishop and other officials of the Diocese greatly regretted. Manful efforts were made and the untiring work of the Deans of the Convocations must be most warmly commended.

On February 19 and 20 there will be a Missionary Regional Conference in Philadelphia. This will include the Dioceses of Pennsylvania, Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Delaware, Maryland, and Easton. It is directed by the National Council, and the Bishop does not now know either the aim or method. From previous experience, however, he knows it will be most helpful. Boston has had a great arousing, and two persons have each promised $20,000 for 1935. New York has had probably the largest missionary dinner ever held in that city. Great interest was aroused and the sky looks "most ruddy." Pennsylvania cannot afford to fall behind. She will not, if of her can be said what was said of old Austria:

"Few were the numbers she could boast,
But every freeman was a host;
And each one felt that *it was he*
On whose sole arm hung victory."

NOTED ENGLISH PREACHER ADDRESSES MEETINGS HERE

The Rev. Humphry Beevor, this year's English Lecturer at the Berkeley Divinity School, said to be among the outstanding of the younger preachers in the Church of England, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Church Club on Monday, January 28, in the Manufacturers and Bankers Club, Broad and Walnut Streets. Mr. Beevor's topic was "Present-Day Trends in the Church of England." Prior to the meeting Mr. Beevor was the guest of honor at a reception and dinner, at which a number of the clergy also were guests of individual members of the club. Mr. Beevor is the Librarian of Pusey House, Oxford. On Sunday, January 27, Mr. Beevor preached at St. Peter's Church, Phila., and on Monday morning, January 28, he addressed the Clerical Brotherhood.

CONSECRATES NEW CHAPEL

Bishop Taitt will officiate on Friday evening, February 1, at the Consecration of the new Memorial Chapel of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. The Chapel is located in the Parish School Building, the latter a memorial to Miss Mary Brown, built by her sister, the late Miss Eliza Brown. The Altar, Reredos and Altar Rail of the new Chapel are of walnut and were made by the men of the parish of furniture contributed by members of the parish from their homes. The Brasses for the Altar, the Eucharistic Lights, Dossal, were the gifts of a number of the parishioners. The painting on the Dossal was the work of Mr. Lewis F. Carr, a communicant of the parish, who is an artist. The Chapel has a seating capacity of 125.

INSTITUTION OF RECTORS

Bishop Taitt early this month will officiate at the Institution of two Rectors. On Wednesday night, February 6, the Rev. Frank Cox, who accepted a call to the Rectorship of the Church of the Redemption, West Philadelphia, succeeding to the vacancy created by the death of the late Rev. Robert J. McFetridge, will be Instituted. The keys of the parish will be presented by Mr. Clement S. Lowber, Rector's Warden. On the same night the Bishop will administer the Rite of Confirmation to a class which will be presented by Mr. Cox.

TREASURER REPORTS DEFICIT FOR 1934

When the Books of the Diocese for the year 1934 were closed today they showed a deficit of $7,257.66.

Analysis of the individual accounts show that 54 Parishes and Missions failed to meet their Expectations, and to this cause the deficit is due. On the other hand, the books also show that 113 Parishes and Missions had either met their Expectations in full or exceeded the amounts they promised, and 37 Parishes and Missions which made no expectation gave moderate sums.

The total amount which the Parishes and Missions expected to pay in 1934 totaled $252,000. To this the Finance Department added $8,000, representing the amount that might be reasonably expected from those Parishes and Missions which had furnished no Expectation, and the inclusion of $40,000 on account of the Diocesan Contributors' Fund. These sum totals amount to $300,000, representing the basis upon which the 1934 budget was prepared.

Of the total divisible funds received during the year 1934, the General Church received from the Diocese approximately 52%.

The Treasurer desires to express his appreciation to all who have made possible these results.

A. V. MORTON,
Treasurer

January 23, 1935.

On Friday night, February 8, the Bishop will Institute the Rev. Edmund B. Wood as Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough. Mr. Wood was called to the rectorship of St. Timothy's last fall, following the resignation of the Rev. G. Herbert Dennison. Mr. Edgar F. Massey, Rector's Warden, will present the keys of the church at the Service of Institution.

ORDINATIONS

Bishop Taitt officiated at a Service of Ordination at 10.30 A. M. on St. Paul's Day, Friday, February 25, in the Bishop's Chapel in the Church House, when the Rev. Menicos Nicholas Menicon and the Rev. Myles Alois Vollmer were advanced to the Priesthood. The Rev. J. Cullen Ayer, of the Philadelphia Divinity School, preached the Ordination sermon.

Mr. Menicon's Presenter was the Rev. David Holmes, assistant at All Saints, Wynnewood. Mr. Menicon will serve as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army, having been recently assigned to duty at the Government C. C. C. camp at Big Meadow, Madison County, Virginia. He has been ordered to report for camp service on February 1.

Mr. Vollmer's Presenter was the Rev. Richard J. Morris, Secretary to the Bishop. Mr. Vollmer will serve as Curate at St. Thomas Chapel, New York City.

CONFIRMATIONS, DEC. 30 TO JAN. 20, INCLUSIVE

Dec.		
30.	St. George, Ardmore	18
30.	St. Stephen, Bridesburg	6
Jan.		
6.	St. Paul, Chestnut Hill	38
6.	St. John Free, Phila.	14
13.	St. Matthew, Francisville	8
13.	All Souls, Phila.	9
13.	St. Paul, Aramingo	12
15.	Home of the Merciful Saviour	7
16.	All Saints, Crescentville	6
17.	Bishop's Chapel, Church House, for St. Giles, Stonehurst	1
17.	Holy Innocents, Tacony, including 1 for Grace Church, Hulmeville	33
20.	Huntingdon Valley Chapel, Meadowbrook	14
20.	Ascension, Rhawnhurst	3
20.	Messiah, Phila., including 3 Received	20

SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS OF FIVE PENNA. DIOCESES ENDORSE PROPOSED LAWS

A very interesting and well attended meeting of the Central Committee on Christian Social Service of the five Dioceses of the State of Pennsylvania devoted to a consideration of legislation likely to be proposed in the current session of the Pennsylvania Legislature was held in the Diocesan Rooms of the Diocese of Harrisburg on January 10. The Diocese of Pennsylvania was represented by the Rev. Stanley R. West, Dean of the Norristown Convocation; Miss Ethel M. Springer, Dean of the Church Training School; Hon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Chairman of the Diocesan Social Service Department, and Mr. George R. Bedinger, of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

The Committee gave its endorsement to the proposed Hasty Marriage bill requiring three days to elapse between the issuing of a marriage license and the marriage; and also endorsed the proposed bill which will forbid the mortgaging of a homestead by a husband without the consent of his wife. It was further agreed to give support to the proposed reorganization of the poor relief laws along the lines of the bill sponsored by the State Public Charities Association. At present there are upwards of 500 local relief units in the state and it is proposed to supplant these by a county unit system. Dr. Charles H. Frazier, President of the Association and a Churchman, in a special article in the January CHURCH NEWS, gave a clear exposition of the proposed reform, comparing it with the present loose, inefficient and wasteful method.

Action also was taken by the Central Committee endorsing the movement for securing funds for the enlargement of the institutions for the delinquent, dependent and defectives. The problems of the sterilization of mental defectives, unemployment insurance, old age pensions and workmen's compensation were referred to sub-committees for detailed consideration, the plan being to have these sub-committees submit resolutions or statements embodying the attitude of the Committee.

At the election for officers the Rev. Canon Paul S. Atkins, of St. John's Church, York, Pa., was re-elected Chairman; Dean Ethel M. Springer, Secretary, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Adviser.

REV. J. A. CRAGG SUCCEEDS TO VACANCY AT LANSDALE

The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg, for the past two years assistant to the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Tuke, at St. John's, Lansdowne, has been appointed by the Bishop as Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Lansdale, and Emmanuel, Quakertown, succeeding the Rev. William J. Wilkie, who retired in December. In the January issue of THE CHURCH NEWS, in the announcement of Mr. Wilkie's retirement, it was stated he would continue to serve without any stipend. It should have stated he would continue to serve without any stipend pending the appointment of his successor. No appointment had been made at the time the article was printed. Subsequently the Bishop appointed Mr. Cragg, and he took charge on January 1st.

City Mission Issues Emergency Appeal

Confronted by an emergency at the Home for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill which demanded immediate remedial measures, the Board of Council of our City Mission was compelled to incur an obligation of $2,300. With the approval of the Bishop and the Executive Council of the Diocese, Dr. William H. Jefferys, Superintendent of our City Mission, has been authorized to issue an appeal through THE CHURCH NEWS for contributions to meet the incurred obligation.

The emergency was caused by the breaking down of the X-ray machine installed eleven years ago. In a communication to the Bishop and the Executive Council, forwarded by Dr. Jefferys and presented by Archdeacon Bullitt, a complete statement is made of the situation and the circumstances which made it necessary for immediate action by the Board of Council. Dr. Jefferys' communication accompanies this article. Permission to make the appeal for funds was unanimously approved by the Bishop and Executive Council. All contributions, large or small, may be sent direct to Dr. Jefferys, at the City Mission, 225 South Third Street, Philadelphia, and will be deeply appreciated and acknowledgment made.

Dr. Jefferys' communication to the Bishop and the Executive Council follows:

"Eleven years ago the Home for Consumptives was given, by one most generous woman, a very fine X-ray machine, which has done splendid service ever since until this autumn, when, like a worn-out motor car, its days of usefulness came to a rapid end. We made every possible effort to repair it. The next to its last act was to blow out a $150 tube, and the makers assured us that it would continue to do that every time we used it.

"Then the Rev. Mr. Eder, Chairman of the Consumptive Work of the City Mission Board of Council, and the Superintendent, visited the home with the express purpose of consulting with the doctors as to what we should do. A modern sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis must have not only an X-ray machine, but one of sufficient power and dependability to take excellent pictures through the entire body; the records of every patient must contain periodic pictures showing the progress of the disease. Besides this, it is used daily for fluoroscopic examinations of patients, particularly those concerning whom an operation is proposed, or upon whom an operation has been performed.

"We decided that there was no way out, and that we must replace the machine at once. During this visit Mr. Eder and I went over to inspect the old machine, and one of the physicians, trying to demonstrate to us its impracticability, stood not nearer than a foot from the machine when the current was on, and it short-circuited and knocked him down, and—well, we were thankful to find that he was not injured, and still more thankful to find that he was not killed. In the case of a frail patient, that might have been a fatal accident.

"The machine was never used again; it was removed, and a new one installed at the remarkably low figure of $2,300; and this was ratified by the Board of Council on January 15th. At this same meeting, the Superintendent was authorized—subject to the permission of the Bishop and the authorities—to make an appeal to the diocese for donations towards this purchase, for which there is no provision whatever in our budget, and which the Welfare Federation authorities would not allow us to charge to maintenance. We ask the gracious permission of the Executive Council to allow us to make this appeal chiefly through *The Diocesan News*. The machine purchased is a new and satisfactory instrument at a remarkably low figure, because it was used for a short time for demonstration purposes. We got it at a discount of about $1,300, and we had a short option to decide the matter. It was purchased and installed, and is now in use. The undersigned has the authority of the Board of Council to ask the permission of the Bishop and Executive Council to make this appeal.

"WM. H. JEFFERYS, M. D.,
"Superintendent."

Approval of Consecration of Bishops White and Provoost by George III

Following last year's Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese, and in response to the increased interest awakened in Pennsylvania's contribution to the organization of the Church in the United States under the leadership of Dr. William White, THE CHURCH NEWS in this issue presents the complete text of the Royal Warrant issued by command of His Majesty, King George the Third, which opened the way for Dr. White and Dr. Samuel Provoost to receive the Episcopate through the Church of England.

In addition to the complete text of this historic document, there is presented also an etching of a portion of the Royal Warrant itself. The latter shows the first of the three pages which comprise the complete document; on the left side of which may be seen the Royal Signet. THE CHURCH NEWS is indebted to Mr. William White, of Old Christ Church, a great-great-grandson of Bishop White, for the privilege of using the picture.

While in England during the past summer, Mr. White visited Lambeth Palace, and in the library found the original Warrant issued by the King among the many other carefully preserved treasures. Permission was given Mr. White, and every facility was afforded him, to obtain photographs of the original Warrant.

In reviewing some of the circumstances which led to the issuing of the Royal Warrant by King George, which enabled the infant Church in America to obtain the Succession from the Church of England, it will be recalled that it was necessary for the English Parliament to pass an enabling Act. Immediately following the earlier meetings in Old Christ Church, Philadelphia, the later meeting in New Brunswick, N. J., and the subsequent meeting in New York on October 5, 1784, a Convention was called to meet in Philadelphia on September 17, 1785, to which the Church in the several states was requested to send Clerical and Lay Deputies.

It was at this Convention that the Clerical and Lay Deputies further advanced the national unity of the Church and decided to obtain the Episcopate from the Church of England. Accordingly, the Convention addressed a letter to the English Bishops, which was duly presented to them by the Hon. John Adams, the American Minister in London.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and of York in the spring of 1786 replied to this letter, making certain suggested changes in the form of the proposed American Prayer Book that had been submitted to them for examination, and the Archbishops further stated that they were likely soon to obtain an Act of Parliament which would enable them to Consecrate Bishops for America.

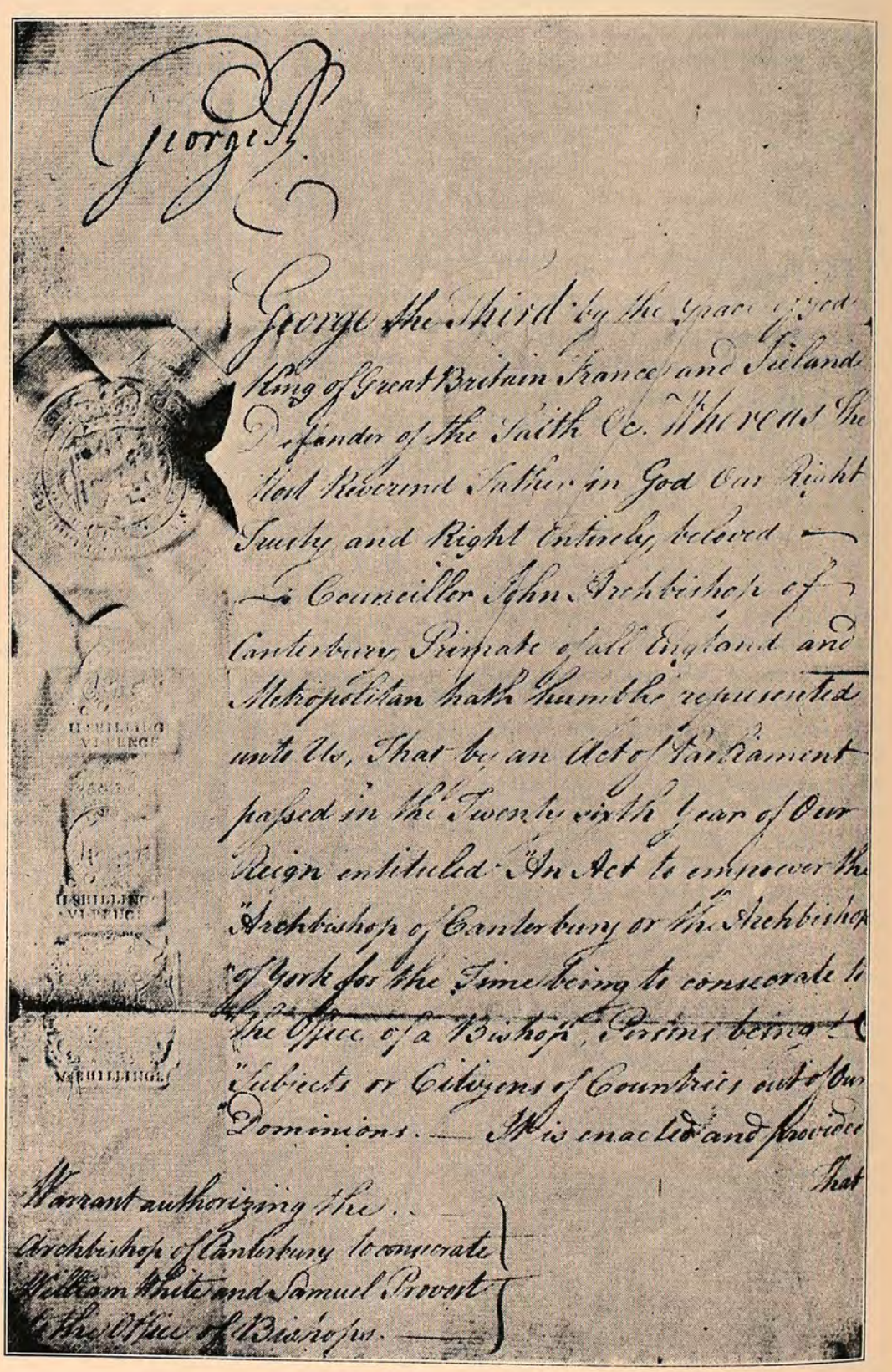
As a result of this communication from Canterbury and York, another Convention assembled in Philadelphia on June 20, 1786, and four months later, October 10, 1786, the Convention reassembled in Wilmington, Del. At the Wilmington meeting, in addition to adjusting certain doctrinal objections raised by the English Archbishops, the Deputies called upon the Dioceses of the several states to state whether any persons had been chosen in their State Conventions for Consecration as Bishops.

As the roll of the Dioceses was called, New York reported that the Rev. Samuel Provoost, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, New York, had been elected by the Diocese of New York.

Pennsylvania reported the election of the Rev. William White, D.D., Rector of Christ Church and St. Peter's.

Virginia reported that the Rev. David Griffiths, D.D., Rector of Fairfax Parish, Virginia, had been elected by that Diocese.

Testimonials from the Conventions of each state in the form prescribed by the English Archbishops were then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George the Third by the Grace of God
King of Great Britain France and Ireland
Defender of the Faith &c. To the most
Reverend Father in God Our Right
Trusty and Right Entirely beloved
Councillor John Archbishop of
Canterbury Primate of all England and
Metropolitan Hath humbly represented
unto Us, That by an Act of Parliament
passed in the Twenty sixth Year of Our
Reign entituled "An Act to empower the
Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop
of York for the Time being to consecrate to
the Office of a Bishop, Persons being
Subjects or Citizens of Countries out of Our
Dominions. — It is enacted and provided
That
Warrant authorizing the
Archbishop of Canterbury to consecrate
William White and Samuel Provoost
to the Office of Bishops.

laid before the Wilmington assembly and were duly signed. In the following month Drs. White and Provoost embarked for England. Dr. Griffiths was detained and was unable to go. On the arrival of Drs. White and Provoost in England there was some delay due to the various steps necessary, including their examination by the Archbishop of Canterbury, passage of the enabling Act by the Parliament and the submission of the latter to the King for his approval.

On January 25, 1787, His Majesty issued the Royal Warrant authorizing and empowering the Archbishop of Canterbury to Consecrate the two American Bishops-elect. On February 2, the Archbishop of Canterbury called for the two Americans and presented them to His Majesty, King George the Third.

Dr. White, addressing the King, said that he and Dr. Provoost "were happy in the opportunity of thanking His Masjesty for his License granted to His Grace the Archbishop to convey the Episcopal Succession to the Church in America."

To this the King replied: "His Grace has given me such an account of the gentlemen who have come over that I am glad of the present opportunity of serving the interests of religion."

Two days later, on February 4, in the Chapel at Lambeth Palace the Service of Consecration was held at which the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. John Moore, was the Consecrator, assisted by the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. William Markham; the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt. Rev. Charles Moss, and the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. John Hinchcliff.

Shortly afterwards Bishops White and Provoost sailed for America, arriving in New York on Easter Day, April 7, 1787.

Prior to the Parliamentary action of 1786 which authorized and empowered the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the approval of the King, to Consecrate to the office of a Bishop "Subjects or Citizens of Countries out of the Dominion of England" there were in existence Acts of Parliament passed during the reigns of Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth, recognizing the King of England as the "Supreme Governor" of the Church, and all Deacons, Priests and Bishops of the Church of England at the time of their Ordination or Consecration were required to take an oath recognizing him as their temporal ruler.

TEXT OF ROYAL WARRANT

Following is the complete text of the historic Warrant issued by King George III authorizing the Consecration of Bishops White and Provoost:

"George the Third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland &c. Whereas the Most Reverend Father in God our Right Trusty and Right Entirely beloved Councillor John Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan hath humbly represented unto Us, That by an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty sixth Year of Our Reign entitled 'An Act to empower the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop of York for the Time being to consecrate to the office of a Bishop Persons being Subjects or Citizens of Countries out of our Dominion.'—It is enacted and provided that no Person shall be consecrated Bishop in the Manner in the said Act provided untill the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop of York for the Time being shall have first applied for and obtained Our License by Warrant under Our Royal Signet and Sign Manual authorizing and empowering him to perform such Consecration and expressing the Name or Names of the Persons to be consecrated nor untill the said Archbishop has been fully ascertained of their Sufficiency in good Learning of the Soundness of their Faith and of the Purity of their Manners. And what the Revd. William White, D.D., Rector of Christ Church and St. Peter's in the City of Philadelphia a Subject or Citizen of the United States of North America hath been elected to the office of a Bishop by the Convention for the State of Pennsylvania one of the said United States And the Revd. Samuel Provost D.D. Rector of Trinity Church in the City of New York a Subject or Citizen also of the United States of North America hath been elected to the office of a Bishop for the State of New York one other of the said united States, And whereas the said John Archbishop of Canterbury hath further represented unto Us that he hath been fully ascertained of their Sufficiency in good Learning the Soundness of their Faith and the Purity of their Manners, Therefore in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament he hath humbly besought Us to grant Our Royal Licence, authorizing & empowering him the said John Archbishop of Canterbury to consecrate the said William White & Samuel Provost to the office of a Bishop respectively according to the Tenor of the said Act. We taking the same into Our Royal Consideration are graciously pleased to consent thereunto and do by these Presents according to the Power reserved by Us by the said Act Authorize & Empower the said John Archbishop of Canterbury to consecrate the said William White and Samuel Provost to the Office of a Bishop—Respectively. Given at our Court at St. James the Twenty Fifth Day of January 1787, In the Twenty Seventh Year of Our Reign.

"By His Majesty's Command,

"SYDNEY."

EXECUTIVE COUNCILS ACT ON SPECIAL APPEALS TO OUTSIDE PUBLIC

The Executive Council of the Diocese, at its December meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That no special appeals to the outside public for the support of missionary work within the Diocese shall be undertaken without the approval of the Bishop and the Executive Council of the Diocese acting upon the recommendation of the Department of Missions."

The resolution came to the Executive Council from the Department of Missions. At the Department's meeting early in November a special committee was appointed to consider and report whether it is desirable that the consent of Convocation be obtained for the solicitation of funds for work within the Convocation. The special committee comprised the Rev. John E. Hill, Mr. C. Fenno Hoffman, Mrs. George Woodward, Rev. A. E. Clattenburg and the Rev. Charles E. Tuke.

CHAPLAIN AT MONT ALTO REPORTS RECENT EVIDENCE OF CHURCH'S INFLUENCE

Two recent instances of the far-reaching influences of the Church in its ministrations among the sick has been received from the Rev. A. A. Hughes, Chaplain at the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis at Mont Alto, Pa., where our own Diocese contributes towards his work. Chaplain Hughes, who has been serving at Mont Alto for nine years, looks after a number of patients from parishes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Chaplain reports the baptism of an ex-service man in October, 1933, and preparing him for Confirmation. This patient, due to his father's serious illness, was obliged to leave the Sanatorium before the Bishop's visitation. Subsequently he was confirmed in Pittsburgh by Bishop Mann.

Returning to his home in Butler, Pa., he interested his relatives in the Church. On the Feast of the Epiphany this year Bishop Mann confirmed this patient's mother, sister, brother-in-law and their children in St. Peter's Church, Butler, Pa. It is not a common occurrence to have three generations from the same family confirmed in the same class.

Another case worthy of notice is that of a young girl whose mother had been a patient at Mont Alto for several years. Chaplain Hughes baptized the mother and presented her for confirmation. Later he baptized the daughter and she was confirmed by the Bishop of Harrisburg. The daughter is now President of a Young People's Fellowship in a New Jersey parish.

Diocesan Fellowships Plan Inspirational Day Service

Members of the upwards of sixty Young People's Fellowships of the Diocese will come together on Sunday afternoon, February 17, for a Diocesan Inspirational Day Service in the Chapel of the Mediator, West Philadelphia. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Granville Taylor, Vicar of the Mediator and Dean of the West Philadelphia Convocation, assisted by the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, Vicar of the Memorial Chapel of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the Rev. Robert C. Hubbs, priest in charge of St. Ambrose, Kensington. The Rev. William

Rev. W. P. S. Lander

P. S. Lander, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, will be the preacher.

Special efforts are being made by the Fellowships throughout the Diocese to bring as many young people as possible to this service, and are counting upon the service to help in the spiritual development of their membership and to inspire them to a deeper loyalty and larger service in the work of their respective parishes and in the Diocese. The Inspirational Day Service will begin at 3 P. M., and a choir of young people will lead in the singing.

On Tuesday evening, January 8, the Fellowships held the third of their Joint Convocational Meetings, which included a social and educational program. This meeting was held in St. Mark's Church, Frankford. A brief period was given to reporting on the various services which the Fellowships have rendered during the previous few months, including their work to encourage increased givings to the Episcopal Hospital on Thanksgiving Day and their efforts to be of service to Dean Stockman at St. John's Settlement House. Announcement was also made that the Fellowships are cooperating with the Rev. Dr. Henry Davies, City Mission Chaplain at the city hospital at Byberry, in bringing cheer to the patients.

Occasion was also taken to pay a tribute and to wish God-speed to Miss Florence Moore, the Diocesan Service Committee Chairman, who resigned her post to go to China as a missionary teacher at St. Faith's School, and who sailed for her missionary post the latter part of January. Miss Moore is being sent out as a missionary teacher by the Girls Friendly Society of the Diocese, the G. F. S. guaranteeing her support for a period of four years.

The Rev. William B. Stimson, in charge of the Student Work of the Church in the Diocese, was the special speaker at the meeting on January 8, and spoke on the subject of college work and its relation to the Young People's Fellowship. Already there has been a Young People's Fellowship organized among the Episcopal Church students at the University of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Stimson outlined the great possibilities for advancing Christian work at Temple University and Drexel Institute and appealed to the Fellowships of the Diocese for their aid.

As an evidence of the quick response which the Fellowships of the Diocese give to requests for service, announcement was made that Dr. Davies would appreciate the aid of the Fellowships in providing the patients at Byberry with a play. Within a few minutes after the offer was made, Robert Makin, President of the Fellowship, announced that the Fellowship of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, had come forward with the offer to put on a play at Byberry whenever Dr. Davies desired it. Before the Joint Convocation Meeting adjourned the Fellowship of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, presented two one-act plays.

ST. PETER'S, GERMANTOWN, IN CHARGE OF CATHEDRAL CHAPEL SERVICE, JAN. 27

The Service of Evening Prayer in St. Mary's Chapel of the Cathedral, Upper Roxborough, on Sunday, January 27, at 4 P. M., was conducted under the auspices of St. Peter's Church, Germantown, the Rev. Edward H. Vogt, Rector of the parish preaching the sermon and members of the Choir of St. Peter's leading the singing. Arrangements are under way for other parishes to conduct afternoon services.

Announcement has been made of the election of Reed A. Morgan, of St. Luke's, Germantown, as Lay Canon of the Chapter to succeed the late J. Vaughan Merrick, Jr.

ST. JOHN'S, SOUTH PHILA., TO MARK 81ST ANNIVERSARY

The congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed streets, has arranged for an "All-Day Commemoration" of the 81st Anniversary of the foundation of the parish for Sunday, February 3. The Rev. H. Cresson McHenry, the Rector, will preach a special sermon at the 11 o'clock morning service. This will be followed by a Parish Dinner in the parish house at 12.30. A Mass Meeting of all the young people of the parish is called for 2.30 o'clock, and at 4 o'clock teams composed of the young people will make a "Visitation" to the homes of all the sick and shut-ins with flowers and other gifts of remembrances. At 5 o'clock Supper will be served in the parish house and the evening will be devoted to group meetings of the various parish organizations at which reports will be made of the work done by each during the past year and programs for the coming year will be discussed.

A "COMMUNICANT" DEFINED

The following official information as to the "Definition of a Communicant as set forth by the General Convention of 1913 and reaffirmed by the General Convention of 1934," is herewith published in response to a request from the House of Bishops.

RICHARD J. MORRIS, *Secretary,*
Diocese of Pennsylvania.

January 17th, 1935.

"A Communicant is one who has received Baptism and Confirmation, or has been formally admitted to the Holy Communion as being ready and desirous to be confirmed. We reiterate that all such should be enrolled and kept upon the Parish Register until death, transfer or discipline removes the name.

"Neglect of the privilege of receiving the Sacrament, long absence, or even departure without a Letter is not sufficient reason for erasing a name, as the person may reappear or ask for transfer after many years. His rights as a potential Communicant should be scrupulously conserved. On the other hand, Parochial Reports should not be padded with misleading statistics. To enumerate all these non-effective members is to exaggerate the real strength of the Parish. Communicants known to have neglected for three years the reception of the Holy Communion, in spite of due and sufficient opportunity therefor, should not be reported for statistical purposes. But, as above suggested, nothing but death, transfer or discipline should justify the removal of a name from the Register."

Canon Earp to Conduct Diocesan Pre-Lenten Devotional Services for Laymen in Holy Trinity, March 2nd

In response to suggestions from a number of laymen, Diocesan Pre-Lenten Services, primarily for laymen, will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday before Lent (March 2), in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets. The Services will be held under the auspices of the Diocesan Commission on Evangelism, and will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Earp, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The afternoon service will begin at 4 P. M. Supper will be served at 6.30 P. M. in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Trinity, which the Rector and Vestry of the parish have kindly placed at the service of the laymen and the commission. The supper charge will be 50 cents. In order that arrangements for the supper may be completed, a number of reply postcards are being prepared to be sent to laymen, asking them to state whether they will come for the supper. All laymen, irrespective of whether they receive a postcard or not, are welcome. Just notify the Rev. John R. Huggins, Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 S. Twentieth Street, Philadelphia.

Rev. Canon E. C. Earp

The evening service will begin at 7.45 P. M. It is hoped that as many laymen as possible will come to both the afternoon and the evening service, and where this may not be convenient it is asked that efforts be made to be present either in the afternoon or the evening.

The services are being arranged by the Commission on Evangelism with the approval of the Bishop, and in consequence of the recommendations of those members of the laity who feel there is a need of a devotional preparation for Lent and who believe that many laymen will welcome the opportunity to meet together for meditation and worship in a Diocesan Service. The General Convention last October brought the laymen of the Church to a realization of a need of a spiritual awakening, and the services arranged for the Saturday before Lent are the result of that inspiration and of a determination that such an inspiration will not be allowed to cool with the passing of time.

Efforts are being made to interest members of Vestries, members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, members of the Church Club, of the Young People's Fellowships and members of the Men's Clubs and other organizations of men in the parishes, to come to one or both the services. The clergy will be welcomed, and it is hoped they will come with groups of men from their parishes.

The meetings will be devoted to the deepening of the spiritual life, and in the fruits of that life to the service of the Church. Committees are being appointed in the several Convocations to stir up interest and to encourage a good attendance.

The Convocation Committees which have been appointed by the Deans up to the time this article went to press are as follows:

West Philadelphia: Rev. Dr. John R. Shryock, Rector of Grace Church, and Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism; Walter M. Kalmey, Epiphany, Sherwood; Percival H. Granger, Church of the Saviour.

Norristown Convocation: Mr. David B. Williams, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh; Norris D. Wright, St. John's, Norristown; E. I. Bacon, Our Saviour, Jenkintown.

BISHOP STRIDER TO CONDUCT WEEK'S PREACHING MISSION BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia, will conduct a Preaching Mission in St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, from Sunday, February 24th, to Sunday, March 3rd, inclusive. Bishop Strider will preach on both Sundays and will hold a meeting each evening of the week. He will also be available at other times for conferences with individuals. Five years ago Bishop Strider conducted a similar Mission at St. Paul's just before the congregation moved into its new church.

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FUTURE OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

For over a year there has been a great deal of earnest discussion, especially among the clergy, of the future of the Philadelphia Divinity School. Forced by the meagreness of returns from its invested funds to close earlier than usual last spring, it rallied in the fall and opened again, but is still handicapped by lack of sufficient money to operate as it did in the past.

Naturally those charged with its administration have been trying for months to find some remedy for such a situation, and also have enlisted the support of some of the best minds in the Diocese. Everyone who is interested in the training of young men for the ministry will hope that "in the multitude of counsel there is wisdom," and that a satisfactory solution will be found so that the school may once again resume its normal operation.

Whatever plan may be adopted, we pray that God may put it into the hearts of His servants to appropriate a generous portion of their wealth to this cause, for one of its most urgent needs is more money. It cannot go on without that.

We have no hesitation in commending it as a worthy object of the benevolence of our people. If they will only give generously at present, and remember the school in their wills, they may be sure that their money will be most carefully used to the glory of God and the great benefit of the Church. People are being advised now that every will made even five years ago should be rewritten in the light of changes in values since 1929. So, while Churchmen are revising their wills, let them include a bequest to the Philadelphia Divinity School.

And why could not the parishes in the Diocese take up an annual collection for the school, as the Roman Catholic Churches do for their seminaries? An annual offering on a definite Sunday would give many people of moderate means an opportunity to contribute which they would welcome, and would advertise the school among our communicants so well that it would become an object of affection to every Episcopalian instead of being what it is now, a shadowy semi-reality hid somewhere in the depths of West Philadelphia.

WHAT MAGAZINES LIVE BY

Though America was a pioneer in public education and gradually erected a wonderful chain of free schools from Maine to California, its citizens have been humbugged by charlatans, deluded by imposters, and doped by quacks oftener than any other people in history, not even excepting the naked savages of Central Africa. Our soil, especially the sub-marginal sections of New England, seems peculiarly adapted to the production of purveyors of miraculous roots, herbs and barks that will cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. Therefore rattlesnake oil, swamp-roots, sarsaparilla-and-whiskey tonics, vegetable compounds, faddist diets, and a thousand other "discoveries" of sincere ignoramuses or shrewd imposters have one after another been widely welcomed as wonder-working "cures." And even when the liquid and pill nostrums were driven out of the market by food and drug acts, the resourceful humbugs survived, for they turned their talents to such spiritual and intangible healing agencies as mesmerism, magnetism, "faith," and the like, which, being ethereal and invisible, were not only legally safer to prescribe, but also more imposing and impressive in the ritual that accompanied them. It is a shameful chapter in American history.

But these twilight-zone types of medication, whatever their ethical shortcomings, had this one count to their credit—they used to keep the religious papers from perishing. One does not have to be very old to remember when the most common advertising in American country papers and Christian weeklies was of "specifics," "tonics," "discoveries" or "vegetable compounds" that would transform nervous, tired, back-broken women and men to chic, bewitching ladies like cloak models, and erect, handsome men like those pictures of masculine perfection in collar advertisements. "Before taking" and "After taking" —Oh, what a change! So, though we may dispute what Lydia Pinkham claimed she did for the women of the world, we must admit the significant service she rendered to the religious papers of America. Their business managers would often have had headaches worse than any she ever described if it hadn't been for the tonic effects of her advertising. Peace to her ashes!

How different it is now! Will our readers take this issue of The Church News and look at every advertisement in it and notice the high quality of the advertising? There is no appeal to ignorance, superstition, or any base interest. Each ad is a sensible, straight-forward commendation of honest business and reputable institutions. This paper feels honored in the type of advertiser that it has attracted; it is

spared the humiliation of accepting anything that is doubtful, because it is supported by advertising of which any journal would be proud.

CHURCH PAPERS

THE CHURCH NEWS adds its sincerest best wishes to the already large number of congratulatory messages which *The Southern Churchman* has received as it enters upon its second century of publication.

In its one hundredth anniversary issue there is an interesting item about the first sermon published in the paper in 1835, the Convention Sermon preached before the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia by Bishop Meade. Says the editor, "The sermon ran through *five* numbers of the paper." What a sermon! Those were the days when men loved strong meat: no ten-minute sermonettes on popular topics of the day for those deputies! And no hurry to "get down to business." That was business to them.

We strongly urge our readers to subscribe to one of the national newspapers of the Church. Here they are, with a brief description in untheological language of their character.

The Southern Churchman, of Richmond, Va., often described by lay-people as a family Church-paper of an old-fashioned, Virginia, low-church type. Though that description would be questioned by captious purists, it gives the average American an idea of the nature of the magazine. It excels in its departments for children and women.

The Living Church, of Milwaukee, Wis., another weekly, which represents the Anglo-Catholic point of view, popularly known as a high-church magazine. It is a wonderful news-gatherer.

The Churchman, published in New York on the 1st and 15th of every month, a magazine noted for the high literary quality of its articles. The point of view is liberal in theology and politics.

The Witness, a weekly, published in Chicago, a smaller magazine printed in a popular form. Often contains articles and editorials by distinguished bishops, and always a great many items of news collected and commented on by W. B. Spofford.

These are all worthy of much wider circulation than they have. Our neglect of Church papers is one of the sources of the weakness of the Episcopal Church. They are, it is well to remember, not official publications, but the organs of private corporations. The only official organ of the Episcopal Church is the *Spirit of Missions,* a monthly magazine, whose name describes it—one of the best missionary magazines published.

CONVOCATION MEETINGS

(Note—The Convocations of Chester and of Norristown hold no meetings in January, and the South Philadelphia Convocation decided to dispense with its January meeting. These will hold their next meetings in May.—Ed.)

Germantown Convocation

Report of its special committee appointed more than a year ago on Evaluation of the Missions of the Convocation was submitted to the Convocation of Germantown at its meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, and discussion of the report occupied almost the entire period of its business meeting. The committee to which the duty was assigned comprised the Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Chairman, and the Revs. Wallace E. Conkling, Isaac E. Brooke, Miss Elizabeth Brown and Mr. Morris Cheston. The committee's recommendations included a readjustment of certain work in Bucks County and placing responsibility for this work upon nearby parishes. Rectors and Missionaries involved in the report requested that more time be given them to study the findings, and that the committee be continued to report at the May meeting, which was adopted.

The Convocation held its meeting at St. Peter's Church, Wayne and Harvey Streets, Germantown, beginning at 11 o'clock with a service in the church. The Rev. William B. Stimson, in charge of Student Work at the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel Institute and Temple University, was the preacher, dwelling chiefly on plans and program for religious work among students. Dean Eder presided at the business session and the Bishop also was present. Mr. Samuel F. Houston was re-elected Treasurer, and the Rev. Charles S. Lyons was re-elected Secretary.

Committees for the year were chosen as follows:

Appropriations: Rev. E. H. Vogt, Chairman; Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Rev. Leceister C. Lewis, and Messrs. Isaac Starr, J. H. Mitchell and Richard H. Morris.

Church Extension and Program: Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, Rev. Wallace E. Conkling and Messrs. Lee Sowden, E. H. Newell and W. B. Seeley. The Rev. Charles H. Long was nominated, but asked that his name be withdrawn, as he had served ten years on the committee and felt the honor should be spread among newer men. The Rev. E. H. Carhart was thereupon nominated and elected.

North Philadelphia Convocation

The meeting of the North Philadelphia Convocation on Wednesday, January 16th, at St. Augustine's, Columbia Avenue, near Twentieth, gave the members of the Convocation the opportunity to see and inspect the new Parish Building that has recently been completed, and to take part in the Service of Blessing the new addition by the Bishop. The Convocation also had the opportunity of listening to a short recital on the organ, which had been renovated through funds supplied by the Woman's Aid of the Convocation.

Dean Stockman, who presided at the business session, urged all Parishes and Missions to send as soon as possible their acceptances of the amount they expected to give for the maintenance work of the Diocese and the General Church, so as to enable the Executive Council to balance its budget for 1935.

The Rev. Herbert W. Jones was re-elected Secretary and Mr. Henry C. Lawser, Treasurer. Members of the Executive Board elected are: Revs. T. Leslie Gossling, George R. Miller, William MacD. Sharpe, and Messrs. William White, Walter Lamb and Henry Robins.

Dean Stockman called attention to the Pre-Lenten Devotional Services for Laymen, to be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 2nd, and urged the attendance of all laymen. The Convocation approved the appointment of a special committee to serve for the Convocation in stimulating interest in the services.

During the supper, which was prepared and served by the ladies of St. Augustine's, the Rev. Joseph H. Hudson, Priest in Charge, expressed the appreciation of the congregation for the aid which had been given the Mission in acquiring the much-needed Parish Room. As an expression of appreciation for Dean Stockman's leadership in the movement to obtain the new addition, the congregation presented him with a new cassock, and to Mrs. Winfield Scott, the retiring President of the Woman's Aid, and to Mrs. Paul F. Mowry, the new President, beautiful plants were given.

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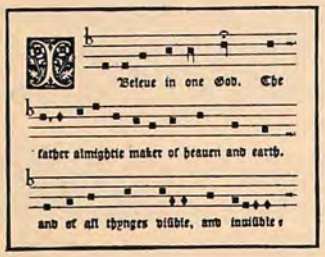
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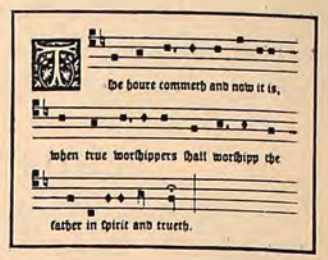

Latin Hymns and Hymn-Writers

By HAROLD W. GILBERT

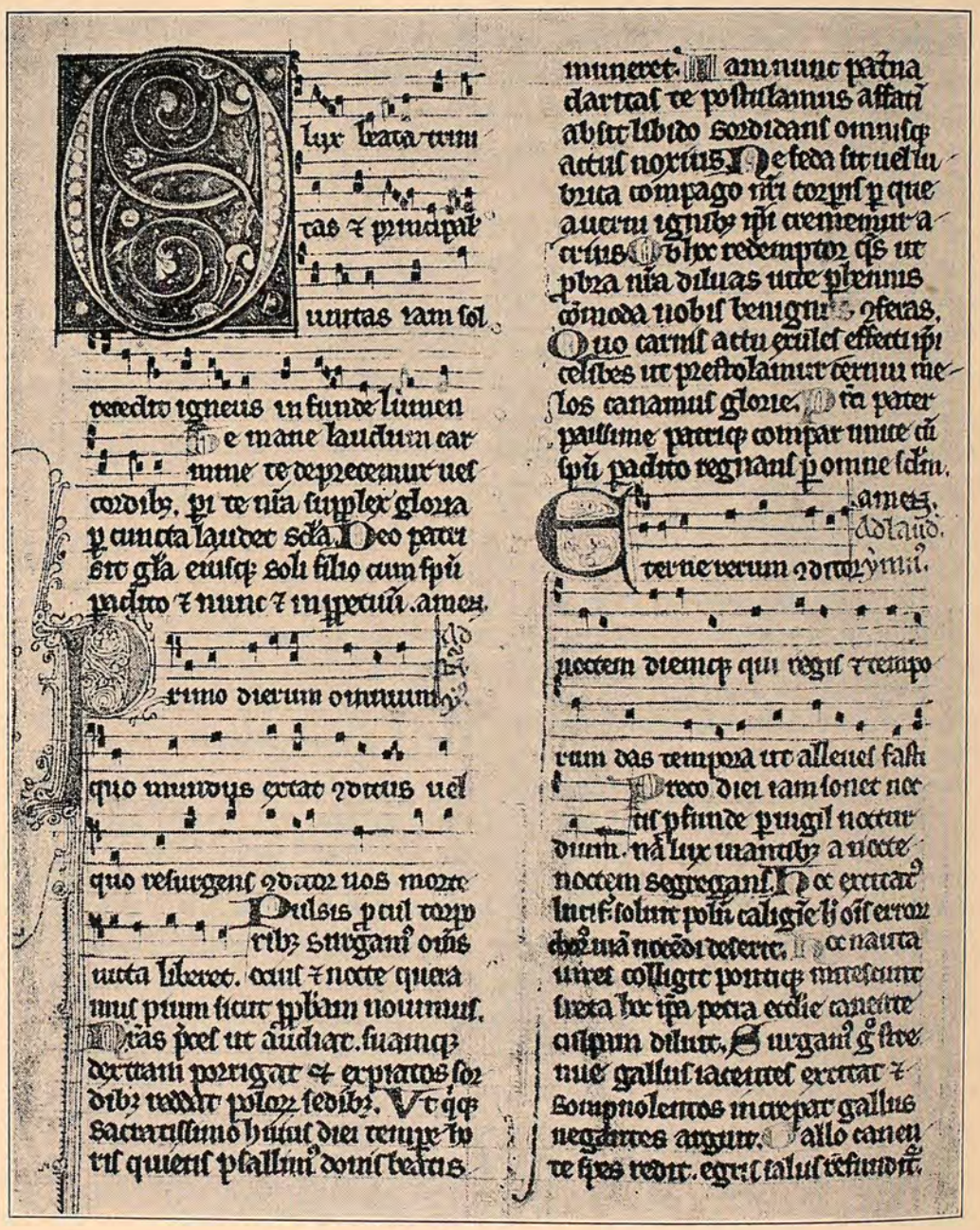
The Hymnal contains sixty-one hymns that are translations of Latin poems. Some of these poems were written in the Middle Ages as meditations and soliloquies, penned by monks in the seclusion of monastic cells; some were the jubilant outbursts of thanksgiving, prompted by the expectation of some signal blessing; others were the solemn warnings of impending judgment, composed by religious zealots who could see nothing but evil in the world about them.

Because a monk of the sixth century wished to provide a song of thanksgiving to be chanted in procession through the streets, the occasion being the arrival in Poitiers of a relic of the true cross, we have the hymn, "The Royal Banners Forward Go." Because a monk of the tenth century could not memorize to his satisfaction the intricate and numerous Gregorian melodies that were employed in the Mass, we have a large collection of hymns called "sequences," among which is "Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come." Contemplation of the crushing sorrow that had come upon his family and friends when their homes were burned by invaders and they were forced to flee for their lives, may have been what prompted Thomas of Celano, who lived in the thirteenth century, to write "Dies Irae" (Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning). These are three of the most famous hymns that have ever been written. But the stories connected with the composition of hymns do not matter. They are anecdotes, and as such are entertaining.

Far more interesting are the religious points of view reflected in these old Latin hymns. It is possible, for instance, to trace the development of the doctrine of the Trinity in old hymns. The conception of God as a God of wrath and judgment, of heaven as a place of jeweled and gilded splendor, of the day of judgment as a time when the bodies of all believers will be restored—these and many other teachings from which present-day theologians have departed are contained in Latin hymns of earlier centuries.

Latin hymns also contain the first instances of poetic rhythm, as we understand it. This device is the creation of Christian hymn-writers, and first appeared, in the West, in the middle of the third century. The evolution of rhyme is closely associated with Latin hymns, reaching its full development in the eleventh century.

Latin hymn-writers seemed to have a mania for constructing lengthy compositions. These sometimes extended into thousands of lines. There are four well-known hymns in *The Hymnal* which are fragments of a poem of 3,000 lines, called the Rhythm of Morlaix. The poem was a bitter satire on the wickedness of the times in which the author lived. Bernard of Cluny (or of Morlaix) lived in the twelfth century. Whether the world was more wicked then than at other times we do not know, but evidently the pious monk thought so. The four hymns referred to as being derived from this famous poem are "The World Is Very Evil," "Brief Life Is Here Our Portion," "Jerusalem the Golden," and "For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country."



A Later Medieval Ms. of Hymns

Among the Latin hymn-writers we find the names of some of the greatest spiritual leaders and controversialists of the Middle Ages—Gregory the Great, the Venerable Bede, Bernard of Clairvaux, Peter Abelard, Thomas Aquinas, and Thomas à Kempis.

Although these hymn-treasures had been the possession of the Church for centuries, their re-discovery in the middle of the nineteenth century was due to the spirit of inquiry engendered by the Oxford Movement. John Mason Neale was the translator of the largest number of the Latin hymns we use. But volumes of translations and critical reviews have been printed during the past half century.

The Hymnal contains Plainsong tunes for some of these Latin hymns, but many have been furnished with modern musical settings. Unfortunately, some of the modern tunes to which these classics have been wedded are quite unworthy. "O Saving Victim" (first tune), and "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (first tune) are instances of this. On the other hand, the tune for "O What the Joy and the Glory Must Be" is vigorous and dignified, and entirely suited to the words. When the subject of hymn tunes comes up for discussion, it is hard to refrain from voicing disapproval of that feature of *The Hymnal.* It is to be hoped that when a revision of the book is next undertaken, a far better supply of tunes will become available. The words of our present book are far more satisfactory than the tunes. Regardless of the association between text and tune that has become so strong in the case of hymns like "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult," and "Lead, Kindly Light," all of which are modern hymns, the musician often yearns to relieve the monotony of such musical shallowness by substituting a more substantial musical vehicle. But these words do not have the venerable background and tradition that surround the old Latin hymns. In the case of these latter, one instinctively feels that when music is fitted to them it should be of a character that preserves the dignity of the text, and so far as possible escapes the commonplace prettiness of so much of our modern church music.

CURRENT SEMINAR COURSE SHOWS GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Seminar Course for Choirmasters and Organists, which is being held under the direction of the Commission on Church Music of the Diocese, meets Wednesday evenings in Saint James's Parish Buildings, 134 South 22nd Street, at 7.45 o'clock. The course began January 9th, and will be continued until the end of February. Over fifty Choirmasters and Organists are in regular attendance. Three lectures are given each Wednesday evening, lasting forty-five minutes each. Demonstrations by means of phonograph records, by a mixed choir, and by illustration at the console of Saint James's organ, are contributing to the very practical nature of the entire course.

The subjects and lecturers are as follows:

Choir Training and Repertoire (Mr. Harold W. Gilbert).

Church Music Appreciation (Mr. Ernest White).

The Organist's Part in the Service (Mr. Newell Robinson).

The Choral Service (Rev. John W. Norris).

The Hymnal (Mr. H. William Hawke).

The Prayer Book and Service Building (Rev. Herbert B. Satcher).

The Bible (Rev. N. Herbert Caley).

The Canticles

(This is the fifth in a series of articles sponsored by the Commission on Church Music of the Diocese.—Ed.)

The *Benedictus es, Domine,* since its introduction into the American Prayer Book in 1928, has become exceedingly popular. Its brevity, and adaptability to Anglican chanting probably account for this. As compared with the great quantity of available musical settings for the *Te Deum, Benedictus, Jubilate,* and the evening Canticles, there are not many settings to choose from, as yet. A choir of fair ability would find much interest in the musical setting in the key of G minor (No. 2), by T. Tertius Noble, or the one in A, by Edward Shippen Barnes.

The *Benedicite* seems to be losing ground in our services. Its length, together with the musical monotony that is so hard to avoid in its rendition, are causing it to be abandoned. Good settings are rare. Attempts have been made by some composers to shorten it, but it still remains a musical problem. The refrain that persists throughout lends itself best to the musical reiteration characteristic of the Anglican chant. For chant forms that are more varied than those offered in *The Hymnal,* the reader is referred to "Benedicite in F," by Martin Shaw, and to "Benedicite, Omnia Opera," by H. A. Matthews. In using any musical arrangements composed before the recent revision of the Prayer Book, the final verse must be adapted to the music, instead of the Gloria Patri being used.

Benedictus and Jubilate

From very early times in the Anglican Church, it has been the custom for composers to write what have been called "services." A service might consist of the Canticles for Morning and Evening Prayer, or of these Canticles together with the parts of the Communion Service usually sung by the choir, or it might be only certain selected Canticles. Usually a service included a setting of both the *Benedictus and Jubilate.*

The *Benedictus* is one of the three Gospel Canticles in our Morning and Evening Prayer, the other two being the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc Dimittis.* The *Benedictus* has always been considered of special importance among the morning Canticles. It should not be too thoughtlessly made to give place to the alternative Canticle, the *Jubilate.* The latter is but a Psalm—the 100th. The Psalms are prophetical of Christ's coming in the flesh. The Gospel Canticles are the witness of his actual abode among men. Though it may be expedient to sing the *Benedictus* to an Anglican chant tune, its rendition should never be slip-shod. The choir should be made aware that this Canticle is one of the treasures of the Church.

The *Jubilate* is available in a number of simple settings, some of which are in unison. Stanford's "Unison Service in D" contains a very interesting and fairly simple one. Although the mood of the *Jubilate* is joyous, there is no excuse for a musical setting that is gaudy. An example of what a *Jubilate* (or any other piece of Church music) should *not* be is the Dudley Buck arrangement of Schubert in B flat. This number is in the libraries of many choirs. Stanford in B flat, on the other hand, is an example of good taste.

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

The *Magnificat* and the *Nunc Dimittis* are heard wherever Evening Prayer is used. Frequently a choir sings a setting of the *Magnificat* after the first Lesson, and chants the *Nunc Dimittis* after the second. This saves very little time, and seems to be due partly to an unreadiness to undertake too much at any one service. The fact is that there are some very beautiful settings of the *Nunc Dimittis* that are well worth the time their preparation would require. After all, chanting becomes a little tiresome if overdone. A simple setting, even though it be in unison, is likely to be more stimulating to singers and listeners alike than the kind of chanting one often hears after the second Lesson in the evening.

The following simple musical arrangements are recommended:

Unison: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F, by C. Hylton Stewart (S. P. C. K.).

Somewhat in the form of a chant: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (from the "Chant Service in F"), by S. S. Wesley (Novello).

Simple anthem-form: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in the Key of D, by H. C. L. Stocks (Faith Press).

Plans Adopted for Future of Philadelphia Divinity School

Plans were adopted by the Joint Boards of Trustees and Overseers of the Philadelphia Divinity School at their mid-winter meeting on Tuesday, January 22, for a reorganization of the school on the basis of the program considered by these same Boards at its special meeting in December.

Under the plans as adopted, which will first necessitate some changes in the Constitution of the school, the present Board of Trustees will be increased from nine to twelve, all of them laymen, as required by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The Board of Overseers will comprise twelve clergymen, a reduction of eighteen as compared with the existing number. Hereafter there will be no laymen members of the Board of Overseers.

Rules governing the school provide that no changes in the Constitution can be effected without sixty days' notice. Consequently, before the new plans can be put into actual execution it will be necessary to hold another meeting of the Joint Boards. This has been fixed for March 26. In the interim the way will be paved for all the present members of Joint Boards to tender their resignations so as to prepare the way for the smaller Boards to take over the joint management.

Notwithstanding the school has assets amounting to approximately $1,000,000, economic conditions of the past few years caused the school to suffer reduction in its income from investments. Last April the school term, which normally ends in June, was shortened about one month and various economies were effected. Realizing there had to be a change in theological education, a special committee of experts, none of whom was connected with the school officially except one, was requested to submit a program.

This committee comprised the Rev. Dr. John H. Mockridge, Co-Rector of St. James's Church, Philadelphia, as Chairman; Rev. Dr. D. A. McGregor, Executive Secretary of the National Department of Religious Education; Dr. H. Flanders Dunbar, of New York, a widely known and distinguished psychiatrist and head of the Association for Clinical Training of Theological Students, the membership of which is composed of physicians and theologians. The Rev. Dr. W. Arthur Warner, Secretary of the Philadelphia Divinity School and of wide experience in Christian Social Service, was also a member of this committee.

In an interview following the meeting of the Joint Boards on January 22, when the plans were adopted providing for the suggested program being put into operation, Dr. Warner said:

"When the program was first submitted to the Joint Boards, those bodies named a committee of their own members to evolve a plan. This committee comprised the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem, as Chairman; the Rev. Dr. E. M. Jefferys, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. N. B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, Pa., who is President of the Associate Alumni; and Messrs. Parker S. Williams, Charles S. Cheston and Dr. Charles E. Beury, all of them prominent laymen, Dr. Beury being President of Temple University. Before they reported on the plan the members of this committee held a number of meetings and received the co-operation of the committee, of which Dr. Mockridge was Chairman.

"As adopted, the plan provides that everything shall be centered in training in pastoral theology, so that the school may develop a ministry that will be able to meet human needs in our own day, and that the student body may have real human contacts, each student to receive at least nine months' clinical training during his course. There is no intention to minimize educational training.

"It provides that six members of the Board of Overseers shall be men who are known for their pastoral ability and who will actually serve. There will be a Dean and, in addition, a new office of Warden is to created. The Rev. Dr. George G. Bartlett, the present Dean, who is in full sympathy with the new plan, will resign as Dean, and it is understood he will be elected as Warden, as the Joint Board believes the duties of that office will require a man with the practical qualifications of Dr. Bartlett.

"No resignations of the present faculty have been asked, nor will they be asked to resign. Eventually there will be a faculty of four professors, one of whom will be the Dean. No steps have as yet been taken in selecting the new Dean. Under the new plan the faculty will give their entire time to the school. Other professors will be called in from time to time in connection with special subjects.

"A very important part of the program and of the plan as adopted is the matter of refinancing. There is a feeling of confidence that this will not be difficult. Between now and the meeting on March 26 an organization will be initiated for refinancing the school for a period of three years.

"The plan also provides that the present Deanery shall be used temporarily as a dormitory for the students."

PARISH OF HOLY APOSTLES MARKS 77TH ANNIVERSARY

The congregation of Holy Apostles Church, 21st and Christian Streets, and the congregations and clergy of its four Chapels, the Mediator, Holy Communion, St. Simeon the Cyrenian, and St. Giles, Stonehurst, united in a service at the "Mother Church" on Sunday night, January 27, in commemoration of the Seventy-seventh Anniversary of the foundation of Holy Apostles. The Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem, was the preacher.

The regular evening services in the four Chapels were suspended on that night. In a message previously distributed by the Rev. Dr. George H. Toop, Rector of the parish, for the information of the communicants of the "Mother Church" and the Chapels, reporting on "The State of the Parish," he announced that the parish reached the beginning of the new year, January 1, with every bill paid and with a fair net balance to start the New Year. Every assessment upon the parish by the Diocese he reported as having been paid in full. He announced that the parish had pledged itself to pay $12,275 for missionary work and had paid $12,803.43.

Reporting on St. Giles, which became a Chapel of the parish on September 1, Dr. Toop reported the work there is showing great promise. Under the fostering care of the parish, and through the energetic work of the Vicar, Dr. Toop reported that new life and interest are already evident at St. Giles.

REV. DR. LEWIS GIVING COURSE OF LECTURES

The Rev. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, Rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, on Wednesday night, January 30th, conducted the first in a course of lectures on the general subject of "Heroes of the Renaissance and the Reformation," and the remaining lectures in the series will be given on the three succeeding Wednesday evenings in February. The lectures are being given in the Chestnut Hill Academy as Community Meetings, beginning at 8.15 P. M. each Wednesday.

"John Wycliffe, Political Economist," was the topic of the first lecture in the course. Topics for the succeeding Wednesday evenings follow:

February 6: "Jerome Savonarola, Political Messiah."

February 13: "Martin Luther, Political Demagogue."

February 20: "Ignatius Loyola, Spiritual Cavalryman."

Admission for the course is $1.

Episcopal Academy 150th Anniversary Is Commemorated

In the presence of a congregation which occupied every inch of available space in Old Christ Church, the Trustees of The Episcopal Academy on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the meeting, held in this same historic sanctuary by the Founders of the school on New Year's Day, 1785, when they agreed upon the fundamental laws of the Academy and elected the first Board of Trustees.

Immediately prior to the Commemoration service in the church, the Trustees held their 150th Annual Meeting in the Vestry Room of Christ Church and proceeded to the election of the members who will serve for the next four years and also the officers who will serve for the ensuing year. Mr. Edward S. Buckley, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees, and one of the oldest graduates of the Academy, presided at this meeting.

Following the adjournment of this meeting the members of the Board, accompanied by the Headmaster and the Assistant Headmaster, proceeded in a body to participate in the Commemoration Service. Others already assembled in the church included members of the faculty, alumni, and a large representation of the student body and their families.

Bishop Taitt Presides

The Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, Bishop of the Diocese and Honorary President of the Board of Trustees, presided at the Service. Others in the Chancel included the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, Rector of Old Christ Church, and his assistant, the Rev. W. Roulston McKean; the Rev. Dr. John H. Mockridge, Rector of St. James's Church and Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, and the Rev. Charles Martin, Chaplain of the Academy. Special music was contributed by the Choir of Christ Church.

Dr. Washburn in a brief address welcomed the Academy to Christ Church and introduced the special speaker, Dr. Lewis Perry, Principal of the Phillips Exeter Academy. Dr. Washburn reminded the congregation that The Episcopal Academy was but one of the many induring institutions that sprang from Christ Church to the enrichment of American life. Continuing, he said:

"The majority of the builders of the Nation itself worshipped here, and drank in the ideals and consecration that moulded their characters and animated them to the accomplishment of their epochal task. Reverently we stand here amid the challenging reminders of that ministry of unequaled duration and matchless efficiency; yes, at the very tomb of your great Founder, William White, and recall the religious beginnings of our entire contemporary educational system."

Bishop White's Leadership

Referring to William White's leadership in gathering about him such dominant personalities as Morris and Shippen, and Peters and Hopkinson, and Swift and the others, and their proceeding to incorporate The Episcopal Academy, Dr. Washburn added:

"The movement they thus launched has grown to its present impressive proportions. And on this great 'Feast of Lights' you have come here to rededicate yourselves to the carrying on of that indispensable purpose. You are as a beacon set on a hill in the midst of a generation floundering in secularism, and awaiting the leadership of just such youth as you are breeding in the clarifying loyalty to Jesus Christ, the Master of Men and Nations. We invoke every blessing on your high endeavor through the beckoning future."

Dr. Perry in his address gave expression to the congratulations and good wishes, not only of the school of which he is the Principal, but of all other academies of the country, and paid a tribute to the community spirit of the able, generous, and far-seeing Philadelphians who were the Founders of The Episcopal Academy. Touching on the early struggles and discouragements which the school had overcome, Dr. Perry said the Academy owed its success, not only in the past but in the present, to good teaching.

Throughout its entire history, the speaker pointed out, it has always insisted upon good teaching, and he paid a tribute to the present Headmaster as one who has always insisted upon the selection of the best possible teachers, and declared he knew of no one in like position who had more varied interests, who had given evidence of more conscientious effort, or for whom the future was brighter with hope of achievement.

School Is Progressive One

Dr. Perry described as a progressive school one which is dynamic and not static, and a dynamic school, he added, is one which has adventured. The Episcopal Academy, he said, is credited with a number of adventures. He described it as a modern country day school at its best. He referred to its introduction of small classes, and mentioned particularly its course in citizenship and the grouping of students on the basis of individual ability.

The tribute due the Founders, Dr. Perry said, is *"Actus manet,"* the deed remains. The challenge to the present generation in these critical days of the history of the school, he said, is that a like tribute may be paid to them on a subsequent memorial occasion.

Following the Commemoration Service the entire congregation was invited to partake of a collation which was served in the Neighborhood House of Christ Church.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held prior to the service in the church, those whose terms had expired and who were re-elected to serve for the four years ending December 31st, 1938, are: The Rev. Dr. John H. Mockridge and Messrs. Thomas Hart, Fitz-Eugene D. Newbold, and Drs. George W. McClelland and Arthur H. Hopkins.

Officers re-elected for the ensuing year are: President, Edward S. Buckley, Jr.; Vice-Presidents, The Rev. Dr. John H. Mockridge and Mr. W. W. Frazier, Jr.; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Hart; Financial Secretary, Mr. William W. Bodine; Treasurer, James Prentice, Jr.

ACCOLADE OF KNIGHTHOOD CONFERRED ON 58 BOYS

The Accolade of Knighthood was conferred on fifty-eight young men in St. Bartholomew's Church, 25th Street and Lehigh Avenue, on Tuesday night, January 15th, by the Rev. Dr. Francis M. Wetherill, Grand Commander of the Knights of St. John. This organization, of which Dr. Wetherill is the founder, is a fraternity for young men and boys of the Church of national scope. Those receiving the degree of Knighthood are members of various parishes in the Diocese. The ceremony was most colorful with the varied stoles of Knighthood. The Grand Commander was assisted by Field Director Viguers and Field Executive Brown. Harvey Harman, head coach of the University of Pennsylvania football team, was the principal speaker, and said he liked to work with men of the character that the Knights represented in their ideals and their good works, and also paid a tribute to the Rev. A. C. Carty, Priest in Charge of St. Bartholomew's.

RECTOR HONORED

The Rev. G. Paul Musselman, Rector of St. James Church, Downingtown, has been elected President of the Chester Valley Ministers' Association. The Association, which comprises the ministers of a considerable number of communions in the Chester Valley district, elected Mr. Musselman at the annual meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. building in Coatesville.

The Benedicite and Genesis 1.

By the Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne

According to the Book of Daniel, when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were cast into the burning, fiery furnace because they would not worship the image which Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the three men walked around in the furnace, singing and praising God. Naturally, some time after the Book of Daniel appeared, a century or so before Christ, there also appeared what purported to be the very words used by those men in praising God in the furnace, and those words may be found in Bibles which contain the Apocrypha, under the title, "The Song of the Three Holy Children."

And it is from that "Song" that the words of two of the Canticles in Morning Prayer are taken, that is, the Benedicite, and the more recent one, the Benedictus es, Domine, now often used in place of the Te Deum; not because there is anything distinctively Christian in it, but just because it is shorter!

Whoever may have been the authors of the words which make up the Benedicite, it is certain that the idea of the universe therein expressed is exactly that of the first chapter of Genesis, and the poem cannot be fully appreciated unless that is realized. That conception of the universe, or "Cosmogony," as it is sometimes called, may be briefly described as follows: The Hebrews thought that what we call the sky was a great translucent arch or dome over the earth, which they called the Firmament, above which were the "waters that be above the firmament," the storehouse of the rains, which were allowed at times to come pouring down through doors or gates. And above those waters was the abode of God and the Angels. Immediately below the Firmament, and moving in preordained tracks on its under surface, like flies crawling on a ceiling, moved the Sun, Moon and stars. Between them and the earth was the region in which moved the winds, bringing heat or cold, lightnings and clouds, and which became alternately light with the light of the day, and dark with the darkness of night; all these things influencing life on earth, but not being of the earth. If we keep these ideas in mind, this Hymn of praise from all created things and beings can mean to us just what it meant to its authors.

"O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and exalt Him forever!" may be considered the title of the Hymn, much as are the words. "Let us pray for the Whole State of Christ Church" the title for what follows there. The first verse begins the list of created beings and things which are called upon to praise. How commence? Naturally, for the Hebrew, with the highest point up, in space, and the earliest point back, in time. The highest point up was the seventh, or upmost of the seven heavens which they thought existed, one above the other, in the region above the firmament, through (not *into*) which Christ passed, according to the Epistle to the Hebrews, "now to appear in the presence of God for us." And in that topmost heaven, to which St. John of the Apocalypse saw himself in vision taken up, our Hymn visualizes the Angels around the Throne, praising Him who sits thereon.

From that point we must think of ourselves as coming down, pausing, for a moment, while passing through the six heavens below the seventh, to call upon them to praise the Lord. Then we come to the storehouse of the rains, and sing, "O ye waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord." Then, down through one of those doors in the firmament which St. Stephen saw opened and through which St. John went up and, presumably, came down again, we come to the region wherein are all those mighty works, those "Powers of the Lord" which may be observed from the earth itself, first, Sun, Moon and stars, which we call the heavenly bodies; and then, somewhat lower, the space in which range the elements, Showers and Dews (and, in Palestine, the latter were nearly as important as the former); the Winds; the Fire and Heat of summer, and the Frost, Ice and Snows of winter; Nights and Days, Light and Darkness, Lightnings and Clouds; all those "Forces of Nature," as we inadequately call them, but which to the Hebrews were all "Powers of the Lord," which play upon the earth from without.

Now, like Piccard descending from the stratosphere, we are in sight of earth itself and exclaim, "O Let the Earth bless the Lord." And what would naturally be the first objects we would pick out on earth's surface? Mountains and Hills, without a doubt; so let them bless the Lord. And then, nestling around the bases of the mountains we would soon see the valleys and meadows, and—"O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord. And why is there greenness there? Because the Wells, or rather, the fountains, as the Hebrews called them, or springs, as we do, supply the necessary moisture. And, as springs eventually form rivers, which run to the sea, we have next, "O ye Seas and Rivers, bless ye the Lord."

And now, we are actually upon earth itself, and we have finished calling upon Angelic beings and impersonal powers, and all manner of inanimate things to bless the Lord, and begin to take up all living creatures. And here it is interesting to notice the order in which they are called up to praise is not that of their importance, else men would have appeared first instead of last, but the order is precisely that of the account of Creation in Genesis First. And, as the first living creatures to be created were the denizens of the waters, we have, "O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord." And, as the birds were created on the same day as the fish, we have next, "O all ye Fowls of the air." And next,

"All ye beasts and Cattle," the whole animal creation, and finally, because the last to be created, the human race, "O all ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord."

And, as we stand on the earth, ready to call human beings to worship, where are we likely, according to the Hebrew whom we are accompanying, to get immediate response? Certainly from the Chosen People, so, "Let Israel bless the Lord." And especially from those appointed to offer praise in the Temple, "O all ye Priests of the Lord, All ye servants of the Lord (the Levites), Bless ye the Lord."

But the Song of the Three Children originated in a time when there was strong belief in immortality in certain Jewish circles, the same from which came those beautiful words in the Wisdom of Solomon, "The Souls of the Righteous are in the hand of God, and the care of them is with the Most High." And to the authors of this poem, as truly as to Christians, the company of men and women praising God included also those who had finished their course in faith and were in the hand of God; and, because the faith of the authors was not cramped and crippled by any inherited prejudices against praying for the dead, they in their hymn, as do we in our revised great prayer for the whole state of the Church, prayed that those in Paradise might continue to grow in love and service; "O all ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord."

And now of all the things and beings God has created, the only ones left to be called upon to praise Him are those human beings who are likely to respond to such a call, and with its appeal to them the great hymn closes: "O all ye that are holy and humble of heart; press ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him forever. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods; praise Him and give Him thanks for His mercy endureth forever."

Some years ago, hearing in one of our churches the Benedicite sung to a setting new to me, I afterwards spoke to the organist and expressed my admiration for it, saying that at places it somehow reminded me of the Philadelphia Orchestra; whereupon the organist smiled and said, "That's very interesting; it is a setting by Stokowski."

Confirmation Appointments for February and March

The Rt. Rev. William Hall Moreland, retired Bishop of Sacramento, will assist Bishop Taitt in taking Confirmation appointments during February in place of the Rt. Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, Bishop of Lexington, as was previously announced in the January issue of THE CHURCH NEWS. The Visiting Bishop who will assist Bishop Taitt in taking Confimations appointments during March will be the Rt. Rev. George W. Davenport, Bishop of Easton.

The schedule for February and for March follows:

Feb. 3—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Overbrook, St. Paul, the Bishop.
A. M.—Phila., Trinity, Oxford, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., Prince of Peace, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. Mary Chapel, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. Gabriel, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 6—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., Redemption, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. Mark, Frankford, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 7—Thursday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Michael and All Angels, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Resurrection, Mayfair, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 10—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., Grace, Mt. Airy, the Bishop.
A. M.—Phila., St. Luke, Bustleton, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Augustine, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Simeon, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., The Advocate, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. George, Venango, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 13—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. James, Hestonville, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. George, Richmond, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 14—Thursday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Bartholomew, Wissinoming, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 17—Septuagesima Sunday.
A. M.—Phila., St. Barnabas, Haddington, the Bishop.
A. M.—Phila., St. James, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Bartholomew, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., Holy Trinity Chapel, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Good Shepherd, Kensington, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. Nathanael, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 19—Tuesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Cyprian, Elmwood, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 20—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Luke, Kensington, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 21—Thursday.
Evg.—Phila., Crucifixion, Visiting Bishop.

Feb. 24—Sexagesima Sunday.
A. M.—Phila., Epiphany, Sherwood, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Mary, Hamilton Village, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. Clement, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 3—Quinquagesima Sunday.
A. M.—Phila., Holy Apostles, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Titus, Elmwood, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Holy Communion Chapel, the Bishop.

Mar. 6—Ash Wednesday.
P. M.—Phila., Church Home for Children, the Bishop.
Evg.—Wyncote, All Hallows, the Bishop.

Mar. 8—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Christopher, the Bishop.

Mar. 10—First Sunday in Lent.
A. M.—Norristown, All Saints, the Bishop.
A. M.—Phila., St. Paul Memorial, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. John Mission, West Oak Lane, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Monica, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., St. James, Kingsessing, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Zion, Logan, Visiting Bishop.

March. 13—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Elisabeth, the Bishop.

Evg.—Phila., Transfiguration, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 14—Thursday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Francis Assisi, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 15—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., Holy Spirit, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 17—Second Sunday in Lent.
A. M.—Phila., Atonement, the Bishop.
A. M.—Phila., Grace, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Luke and the Epiphany, the Bishop.
P. M.—Essington, St. John, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Mediator, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Calvary, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 20—Wednesday.
Evg.—Springfield, Redeemer, the Bishop.
Evg.—Hatboro, Advent, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 21—Thursday.
Evg.—Prospect Park, St. James, the Bishop.
Evg.—Gulph Mills, Trinity, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 24—Third Sunday in Lent.
A. M.—Phila., All Saints, Moyamensing, Visiting Bishop.
A. M.—Cynwyd, St. John, the Bishop.
P. M.—Bala, St. Asaph, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. John Chrysostom, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—West Manayunk, St. Andrew, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Phillips Brooks Memorial, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 27—Wednesday.
Evg.—Chester, St. Luke the Bishop.
Evg.—Clifton Heights, St. Stephen, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 28—Thursday.
Evg.—Norwood, St. Stephen, the Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., Covenant, Visiting Bishop.

Mar. 31—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
A. M.—Bryn Mawr, Redeemer, the Bishop.
A. M.—Ridley Park, Christ, Visiting Bishop.
P. M.—Collingdale, Trinity, the Bishop.
P. M.—Phila., St. Philip, Visiting Bishop.
Evg.—Phila., The Saviour, the Bishop.
Evg.—Aronomink, Holy Comforter, Visiting Bishop.

Church Advancement Society Completes 123 Years' Service

By the Rev. Dr. N. V. P. Levis

At this time, when we have been observing the Sesquicentennial of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, it is interesting to remember that in 1811, under the leadership of Bishop White, the Advancement Society was organized, and from a very small beginning it has continued its work for 123 years.

The fact that at that time the Diocese included the entire state has determined the continued policy of the Society—to assist any union or Parish in this State. The general fund was created for such use, but the Wagner fund can only be used in the present Diocese of Pennsylvania. From time to time money has been appropriated for missionary stipends. This is the case now for the Chaplains at Mt. Alto Sanatorium, State College, and the Missionary to the Deaf Mutes. But the regular objective of the Society is to aid churches that are in great need, or are struggling to meet some pressing obligation, such as extraordinary repairs, purchase of property, payment of mortgages, etc., making it possible for the church to *advance* in some real and permanent way.

Great care is exercised by the Appropriation Committee and the Board of Trustees before a grant is made. The work must be promising, and the gift is always the final payment, thereby making it an obligation that the church must do its share and be free from debt.

Any one wishing to apply to the Society for assistance should give a detailed statement in writing concerning the work of the parish or mission, number of members, financial standing, general outlook, and the proposed means of meeting the gift of the Society. This application should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meetings, which are held on the second Mondays in May, October and December, and on January 6.

In order to meet any extraordinary need, for a number of years 15 per cent of the income has been set aside as an emergency fund, but it may not be possible to continue this policy due to a shrinkage of returns on the investments. It is, however, gratifying that the endowment is in excellent condition.

It is a matter of deep regret that a society with such a long record of usefulness should not have more funds at its disposal, and we commend the Advancement Society with the hope that additional gifts and legacies will be given to the endowment, in order that greater good may be accomplished.

Significant is the fact that our annual meetings are held on the Festival of the Epiphany, thus emphasizing our missionary purpose; and as we follow the star by a spiritual ideal, we bring our gifts of love and service, and look forward to the future with greater hope and renewed faith.

In addition to the appropriations for missionary stipends to the Chaplains at Mont Alto Sanatorium and State College and the Missionary to the Deaf Mutes, the Society during the past year made the following additional grants:

St. Barnabas, Germantown, $500; St. James, Kingsessing, $500; St. Augustine, Philadelphia, $500; St. Monica, West Philadelphia, $150; St. Mary, Warwick, $400, and Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, Pa., in the Diocese of Harrisburg, $600; for Student Work at St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, $1000.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CALLS CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS HERE, FEBRUARY 19-20

In response to a request from the National Council the Bishop and Field Department of the Diocese are arranging to receive the Bishops of a number of neighboring Dioceses, who are coming to this city to take part in a Regional Conference, which has been called by the Field Department of the National Council.

The Conference will be held on February 19 and 20, in the Church House, and will be limited, it is understood, to selected representatives from each of the participating Dioceses, including the Bishops of those Dioceses. In addition to Bishop Taitt, the Bishops who have been asked to come and to bring others are, the Bishop of Bethlehem, the Bishop of Harrisburg, the Bishop of Delaware, the Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Maryland, and the Bishop of Washington. It is understood that the purpose of the Conference is to arrange for larger Conferences to be held at subsequent dates in each of the Dioceses in accordance with plans of the National Field Department, which contemplates covering one-half of all Dioceses and Missionary Districts in the whole Church, during this year and the remainder in 1936, to forward the Church's missionary work.

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Other officers of the Woman's Aid elected in addition to Mrs. Mowry as President are: Vice-President, Mrs. John H. Mockridge; Secretary, Miss Kathrine Childs, and Treasurer, Miss Esther Hall.

The Convocation accepted the invitation of St. Ambrose, Howard and Ontario Streets, to hold the May meeting at that church.

West Phila. Convocation

The meeting of the West Philadelphia Convocation on Thursday, January 10, in St. James' Church, Kingsessing, was largely devoted to routine business, and one of the gratifying features of the session was the increased attendance of delegates. Approval was given to the recent action of Dean Taylor and the Executive Committee in proceeding to meet the emergency needs of St. Monica's Mission and St. Cyprian's Mission, and in obtaining from the Bishop and the Executive Council of the Diocese the aid of the Church Extension Fund to meet the conditions at both of these Missions.

Dean Taylor spoke at some length on the matter of the 1934 Expectations not being reached in some instances, and pointed out that Missions are giving a larger proportion per capita than some more prosperous congregations in the Convocation. The same thought was expressed by the Bishop in his address at the Supper.

Fr. Howell's work at the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels was highly commended by the Dean, who anticipated a larger work, should the Chapel be turned over to the Diocese as a Mission.

Dr. Shryock told of the plans being made for Diocesan Pre-Lenten Devotional Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 2. The new clergy in the Convocation, the Rev. Charles H. Urban, the Rev. Frank Cox and the Rev. Charles Levy, were introduced. Mr. Levy, Priest in Charge of the new Mission of the Beloved Disciple, organized since the last Convocation through the efforts of the Dean, spoke about this new work and was quite enthusiastic over the prospects of its becoming self-supporting in the near future.

Justice in judgment is a much-needed Christian virtue. A modest slowness in forming opinions denotes a really fine and strong character.—*Exchange.*

Victor Hugo said that the strongest force in the world is an idea that has come to its day. The day of Christian Stewardship is not yet fully here, but it is on its way.

Reports Received of Casualties at Church Farm School

Reports received from the Church Farm School at Glen Loch announce a considerable number of casualties having occurred at the school during the period immediately before Thanksgiving up to and including the Christmas season, with a corresponding decrease in the school population which has amazed Dean Shreiner, the Headmaster and his corps of assistants.

It all began a few days before Thanksgiving and again prior to the Christmas holidays. To meet the conditions every available boy and all the farm workers were called into service and were kept on extra duty far into the night to grapple with the emergencies, and from the reports of eye witnesses there was considerable grappling before conditions were anywhere near normal.

The responsibility for the casualties is laid at the doors of the many friends of the Church Farm School, but so far as the Church Farm School is concerned everybody there is deeply appreciative and all are greatly elated at the results except, perhaps, the poor victims, and these, THE CHURCH NEWS hastens to point out, were the turkeys which Dean Shreiner had made ready to adorn the tables and appease the appetites of those whose tastes are turkey bent around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Dean Shreiner saw to it that his turkey population for the 1934 Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons would be the best birds obtainable. In the previous winter only one hundred turkeys were sold. For the Thanksgiving and Christmas season just past over four hundred were bought by friends of the School. The birds were brought from Virginia when they were a few months old and were fattened on the School farms with milk and corn.

Shortly after the first shipment arrived some of the boys of the school decided to let the turkeys out on the range to stretch their legs and strut a little after being cooped up. All went well until the turkeys decided to stretch their wings also and, as if one of the birds had given a signal, there was a sudden rush and whirr of wings and away went the turkeys for the high spots. Great was the excitement and one little lad was heard to exclaim, "Gee, look at all the Thanksgiving dinners up in the trees." Turkeys were perched everywhere, on the limbs of the tallest trees, up on the barn roof and on top of the pig pens. To corral the scattered birds, recourse was made to the strategy of scattering a plentiful supply of corn, and as it is a turkey habit to keep pretty well together they were soon pecking at the corn and were finally safely housed in the barn; that is not wholly safe for the birds as it subsequently proved, but safe from the boys who had turned them loose for unsupervised exercise.

Dean Shreiner's experiment with turkeys is just one of the many lines along which he hopes to enlarge the possibilities of the farm to such an extent that it will go a long way to meet the expenses of the school. Everyone connected with the school is now working with this end in view and the motto is "Every customer gained must be a customer satisfied and anxious to come back for more."

REV. C. RANKIN BARNES TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE HERE ON CHILD WELFARE

The special committee of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions announces that the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, Executive Secretary of the National Department of Christian Social Service, will be the speaker at the second in the series of Child Welfare Conferences being conducted under the auspices of the Diocesan Department.

The Conference at which Mr. Barnes will be the principal speaker and at which there will be a discussion of the subject of Child Welfare, will be held in the Assembly Room of the Church House on Tuesday, February 26, at 2 o'clock. The first in the series of meetings which are being arranged was held on Monday, January 28, at which the principal speaker was Mrs. John M. Glenn, National President of the Church Mission of Help and head of the Family Welfare Association of America.

At all the conferences, special efforts are being made to give especial attention to the matters of dependent and delinquent children, and all institutions and organizations of the Church who are doing work of any kind in relation to Child or Family Welfare are invited to attend the meeting on February 26, and all other meetings for which arrangements are now being made. The special committee in charge of the series comprises Mr. George R. Bedinger, Miss Margaret C. Maule and the Rev. P. R. Stockman.

There is no truth which has not its corresponding duty, and no duty that has not its corresponding truth. He who lives by the Word of God continually sees new truth, and accepts the duties that arise therefrom.—*Phillips Brooks.*

EPIPHANY, GERMANTOWN, MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RECTOR'S INCUMBENCY

The congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, commemorated the Tenth Anniversary of the Rev. J. Wesley Twelves' rectorship of the parish with a special service of the Holy Communion.

Several events which had previously taken place were noted in the parish paper announcing the anniversary. One of these was the announcement that the parish had received a gift of $5,000 from a communicant of the parish who wished to remain anonymous. It was suggested by the donor that the money be divided as follows: "$3,000 to pay off the mortgage on the rectory, $1,500 to be paid on a note in the bank, reducing that obligation to $1,000, and $500 to be put in the current fund for 1934 to make certain that the parish close the year without a deficit. During the ten years' rectorship of Mr. Twelves, the parish on the day of the anniversary has succeeded, with the help of the recent gift of $5,000, in extinguishing a mortgage of $10,000 on its parish house, the rectory is now clear of debt, and the only obligation standing is the balance of $1,000 on the note in the bank.

On Sunday, January 13th, the choir of the church was increased by the addition of a boys' choir of seventeen voices, which increases the choir to forty voices. A picture of the entire choir appears on this page of THE CHURCH NEWS, which was taken on Sunday, January 13th, when the boys sang for the first time in a service. The choir is under the direction of Robert B. Banks.

BILLS FOR SUSTENTATION FUND ASSESSMENTS NOW BEING SENT OUT MONTHLY

By direction of the Commission on Clerical Salaries and Pensions, all bills for Sustentation Fund Assessments are now being forwarded monthly and remittances are expected to be made monthly. Heretofore the Sustentation Fund assessments were included in a statement sent to each Accounting Warden on which also were included the Episcopal and Convention Fund assessments. The reason for sending the bills for the Sustentation Fund separately is to enable the Commission to obtain sufficient funds to meet commitments for salaries to Rectors as they come due, and obviating the former practice of delaying the payments until April 1. The Episcopal and Convention Fund Assessments will be payable as usual on April 1.

If a thing is beautiful, even the autumn of life is beautiful also.—*Plutarch.*

Choir of Epiphany Church, Germantown

In this etching is shown the newly organized Boys' Choir which officiated for the first time in the services on Sunday, January 13, in conjunction with the older choir of mixed voices.

Book Reviews

Christ and Evolution—By George A. Barton; University of Pennsylvania Press; pp. 166; price, $2.00.

A new work from the prolific pen of Dr. Barton is always an event of interest. We have been long familiar with the product of his great learning in many fields; he now presents us with a study in theology. The subtitle is: "A Study of the Doctrine of Redemption in the Light of Modern Knowledge."

The history of no doctrine better exhibits the fact that contemporary thought influences its formulation, than the doctrine of Atonement. The successive theories obviously have issued from the atmosphere of their times. The modern reaction from the traditional statement (which, however, is no older than the Reformation) is pretty complete. Dr. Barton endeavors to justify this reaction by means of the great interpretative idea of our own day—the idea of Evolution. By following the strict scientific method of study, he arrives at a conception of God's word for man through Christ, which harmonizes admirably with the conclusions which modern theologians have reached in other ways. It is the mode of approach which is novel. From the point of view of Evolution he considers the factors of Redemption.

Any idea of Redemption will depend upon the correlative ideas of sin and of man. The popular view dates the origin of sin from a mythological event in the Garden of Eden. The pessimistic description of man's nature took its rise amid the throes of a falling Empire. Evolution tells a different story of both. Incalculable ages were spent in the development of the physical and mental nature of man, and in comparatively recent times of his moral nature. Man really began with the birth of conscience. Before that, he was only an unmoral animal; his sense of the distinction between right and wrong initiated his rise above the animal. His consciousness that he *ought* made failure seem to him a Fall. It was really the beginning of his upward progress, the fulfillment of his spiritual possibilities. Redemption is therefore a creative process, still far from complete; it is the goal of a Divine purpose. The problem of religion is not expiation or repair; "not how to restore a lost perfection, but how to complete the creation of that moral being which the birth of conscience rendered potential."

What is God's attitude towards man and his sin? The legalist has taught that He is angry with the wicked, eager to exact full reparation for the dishonor done to His laws. But Evolution shows Him even in physical nature to be intelligent and purposive and friendly. And in His development of man's spirit He is patient and sympathetic and co-operative. Redemption originates with God; hence He needs no appeasement. This answers the age-long inquiry, What kind of a God is He? in a far more wholesome way than that of the speculative theologians.

Christ is not the product of evolution; He is the Supreme Agent in the

Divine evolution of man's spirit. He is more than the Logos who created the material universe. He is the incarnation of the Love which is creating true children of God. He was *homoousios* with God, not in the metaphysical sense of the fourth century; but "in ethical character and quality the life of Jesus was one with the life of God." Therefore, "He endured the Cross not to procure mercy, but to manifest it." His work was directed toward man, not toward God, as most of the theorists have held. The damage done by sin is internal to the man, the remedy must be the same. This point of view disposes at once of all the transactional theories. When the author speaks of this as a "moral and spiritual influence," he is not referring to Abelard's idea of a mere exhibition of Christ's loving sacrifice. He thinks of the actual influence of a loving Person who brings men into fellowship with God, so that "through union with God his human life is transformed."

Whatever details may seem to be missing, this surely is the heart of the matter. There are some applications of the central thesis which will be disconcerting to the traditionalist, dogmatic and ecclesiastical; but the whole study will repay the most earnest attention. The conclusions arrived at by this inductive study will be found stimulating to the thoughtful, both in the personal religious life and as the background of enthusiastic preaching. They answer the questions raised by modern knowledge more effectively than the old theology has been able to do. This little book is a definite contribution to a sound theology.

GEORGE C. FOLEY.

To Address Meeting of Jewish Committee

Rev. Emil R. Gruen

Bishop Taitt will be the guest of the Diocesan Committee on Jewish Work at a Tea to be given by Mrs. George Breed at her home, 231 West Chelten Avenue, Germantown, on Thursday, February 14, at which the Rev. Emil D. Gruen, a widely known Hebrew Christian and President of the Hebrew Christian Alliance, will also be a guest. Both the Bishop and Mr. Gruen will speak.

GALILEE MISSION MARKS ITS 38TH ANNIVERSARY AS RESCUE WORK FOR MEN

With the Bishop and other clergy of the Diocese among a host of speakers, which included leaders in similar types of work, and with representative leaders in public and community welfare work, the Galilee Mission commemorated the 38th Anniversary of its organization as a rescue work for men in a series of meetings beginning Saturday night, January 26, and continuing through the succeeding two nights.

In many respects the Commemoration was a tribute to the widely known head of this Diocesan Institution, Mr. George W. Wilkins, and it also afforded an opportunity for all attending the several meetings to obtain a close-up view of the various details of the work, and to obtain also a knowledge of the extent of service which Galilee is doing.

During 1934, the Mission, as shown by the report of its director, Mr. Wilkins, looked after 4873 individuals. The number of lodgings provided totaled 45,242, and the number of meals served, 138,095. The number of garments distributed amounted to 819. In addition to its rescue work among men, special attention has been given to its work among boys who have left their homes and "taken to the road." In the operation of this Boys' Home, the Mission has been able to return a number of boys to their homes and is caring for others.

In its neighborhood work, the Mission reports a Sunday School of 338 children with a staff of 39 volunteer teachers. It has also maintained a Mothers' Meeting with an average attendance of 100 each month.

The Anniversary commemoration on Saturday night, January 26, included addresses by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Tuke, Rector of St. John's, Lansdowne; Rev. Dr. C. E. Snowden, Rector of St. Paul's, Overbrook; Rev. John Craig Roak, Rector of Gloria Dei, Philadelphia; Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Rector of St. Alban's, Roxborough; and Mr. William A. Lippincott, Jr., of St. Paul's Overbrook.

Mr. Wilkins was in charge of the commemoration on the following night, and the speakers included the heads of other organizations in the city doing the same kind of work among men. This meetilng was also attended by a number of men who, through the ministry of the Mission, had been restored to society and who told of their conversion while living at Galilee Mission.

On Monday night, the Bishop of the Diocese presided at the commemoration and made an address. Other clergy who were among the speakers were the Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr., who occupies the place on the Board of Managers so long filled by his father, the late Edward H. Bonsall, the latter having been one of the founders; the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, Rector of Old Christ Church; the Rev. Dr. George H. Toop, Rector of Holy Apostles and the Rev. C. Herbert Reese, Rector of St. Matthew's.

The singing on Saturday night was led by the choir of St. Alban's, Olney, and on Monday night by the choir of St. Matthew's.

FOREIGN COMMITTEE

Dr. Harry B. Taylor, of St. James Hospital, Anking, China, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Foreign Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Church House on Wednesday, February 20th. Dr. Taylor will tell of his work in St. James.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Epiphany Missionary Day, February 6

By Mrs. Wm. J. Haines

"How many years have you had this Missionary Day," was the innocent question submitted the Managing Editor of The Church News, which resulted in hours of research for our Office Secretary. The writer could remember it as a well-established custom at the beginning of this century. Even Mrs. Markoe could not give the date of its birth. By studying the file of Annual Reports, Miss Rudderow finally traced it back to 1888, when Mrs. Thomas Neilson and Miss Mary Coles and Miss McVickers were officers.

So our Missionary Day this year, on Wednesday, February 6th, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, will be the 47th Annual Missionary Day of the Auxiliary. Until quite recently the committee in charge, consisting of the five Chairmen of committees, has aimed at securing speakers from all five fields—Foreign, Indian, Colored, Domestic and Diocesan—but the result was a very long meeting and a feeling of mental indigestion, even though the food given our minds was of the best. Now we are planning to have not more than three fields represented in any one Epiphany meeting.

This year the foreign field has the lion's share, and the work among the Negroes is to be most ably represented by Dr. Patton, who knows more of this work than anyone in the Church and who is always a most inspiring speaker. At both the morning and afternoon sessions the Quintette from the American Church Institute for Negroes will sing some of their exquisite spirituals.

The services always begin with Holy Communion, and is it not most fitting we should all be present and unite in this Act of Worship, even if some of us have made our Communion at an earlier hour. Bishop Taitt is to be the Celebrant. In his crowded schedule he makes a place always for this day, to show his interest in this work of the women of his Diocese. The Service of the Holy Communion will begin at 10.30 o'clock.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Father Spence Burton, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Father Burton has recently returned from a trip around the world, visiting our Mission stations, and, though a new speaker to our Auxiliary members, is an old friend to many in this Diocese, and we are all eager to hear what he has to tell of his journey and what he saw.

Noonday Intercessions will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas L. Harris, Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany. If any of you have special requests for Intercessions, please send them to Mr. Harris in advance of the meeting. His address is 330 South 13th Street, Philadelphia.

Holy Trinity, in addition to giving us the use of the church, has also kindly granted us the use of its Parish House. We will bring our box lunch with us and buy our tea and coffee at the Parish House.

At the afternoon session, at 2 o'clock, we have asked the Hon. George Wharton Pepper, who was one of our Deputies from the Diocese to the General Convention, to bring us a message of what was done there and our diocesan part in the program for the coming three years.

Rev. Spence Burton

If our object had been to choose the busiest men in our Church as speakers, we could not have succeeded better, and it is a very real triumph and blessing that all of them have been able to agree on this same day, Wednesday, February 6th, as the time to be with us.

The final address is to be from Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, outstanding Churchman, President of the new Central China College, Wuchang, which is a union of four colleges, including our Booke College grounds and buildings, which are used as the nucleus of this new enterprise.

Dr. Wei's addresses were considered "high spots" at the Atlantic City Convention. Those among you who heard him will be keen to hear him again, and those of us who missed hearing him will be grateful to our committee for giving us this opportunity.

You probably remember what Mrs. Harper Sibley said: "Whenever I have $10 that I am uncertain what to do with, I send it to Francis Wei. I know no one who can make better use of it." He came to this country to plead for the needs of Central China College. Please remember this meeting is not only for those of us who are already interested in the missionary work of our Church, but for those also who rarely hear the story and who cannot fail to be interested if they hear such speakers as we are bringing together on February 6th.

Will each of you Auxiliary women ask someone not yet interested in this work to come with you—man or woman? Especially will you bring it to the notice of your Rector, asking him to announce the date at the services Sunday, February 3rd, and to come for at least part of the day?

May we especially invite our Young People? We "old timers" will soon be out of harness, and the carrying on of this splendid missionary work of the Church will be the privilege of you young women who are now Junior Auxiliary members and Young People's Fellowship leaders. Come to this meeting and hear the Call to Service and meet these leaders from the field who will give inspiration and direction for your future work.

HEAD OF CHURCH SCHOOL IN MOUNTAINS OF SOUTH TO ADDRESS AUXILIARIES

Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore, Principal of Christ School, Arden, North Carolina, a Church school in the mountains of Western North Carolina, will be in the Diocese for the first two weeks in February, and appointments have been made for her to speak before a number of Parish Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. On February 13th, Mrs. Wetmore also will be the speaker at the meeting of the Domestic Committee.

Christ School was founded nearly thirty-five years ago. Twenty-one of its former pupils are ministers of the

Church, and others are farmers, doctors, business men, teachers. The school now has 100 boarding pupils. It receives no appropriation from the Board of any Church or from the state. It has never had a cent of debt.

Mrs. Wetmore's speaking appointments are as follows:

Feb. 4: St. John, Lansdowne, 12.30 P. M., and Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, 3 P. M.

Feb. 5: All Hallows, Wyncote, noon, and St. James the Less, 8 P. M.

Feb. 6: St. Clement's, Philadelphia, 2 P. M.

Feb. 7: St. Mark's, Phila., 3 P. M.

Feb. 11: St. Mary, Ardmore, 3 P. M., and All Saints, Moyamensing, 8 P. M.

Feb. 12: All Saints, Torresdale, 2 P. M., and Resurrection, Phila., 8 P. M.

Feb. 13: Domestic Committee, Church House, 10.30 A. M.

Feb. 14: Church of the Holy Trinity, Phila., 3 P. M.

DRAMATIC COMMITTEE OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY GIVING LARGER SERVICE

The Dramatic Committee of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary is now entering the third year of its service. The policy of the committee has been to give its service freely to any parish, mission, organization or institution in the Diocese in any way the committee can be of service. The histrionic ability of this group has attracted considerable attention, and to such an extent that in response to an invitation from the widely known Lankenau School for Girls, 2200 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, the committee on Wednesday night, February 20th, will present a special program of popular one-act plays with a universal appeal. There will be a silver offering to cover necessary expenses. Refreshments will be served.

Responding to a request from the Diocesan Committee on Jewish Work, the committee also will present a program of plays for the entertainment of the children of the Christian Jewish Synagogue and friends of the Jewish work in the Diocese. The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, has generously given to the Dramatic Committee the use of the parish building for this purpose. The program will be presented on Tuesday night, February 26th, at 8.15. There will be no admission charge, and all those interested in the church's work among the Jews are invited to come.

The services of the Dramatic Committee are at the disposal of any parish, mission, institution or organization of the Church in the Diocese without any charge. The Chairman of the committee is Miss Miriam V. Cairns, who may be reached any day at the Church House.

Churchwoman's Club Sponsors Unemployment Relief Plan

The Churchwoman's Club, that enterprising and always practical organization of women of the Diocese numbering around 1,000 in membership, has put into operation a movement to find employment for its members in need of work. Under the direction of a special committee which has been designated the "Universal Wants Committee," it is listing all of its unemployed members available for either whole or part employment, and is bringing these members to the attention of any who may be willing to employ them on either whole or part time.

In operation less than two weeks, the committee has already been successful in obtaining employment for a number of its members, some on full-time jobs and others on part time. The plan is patterned somewhat after "The Universal Aunts" organization, which was started in England during the World War by the women of England to provide companionship for soldiers, and which after the war developed into a permanent organization as "The Universal Aunts, Limited," and extended its efforts to finding employment wherever possible.

Miss Laura Reeve is Chairman of the Churchwoman's Club "Committee on Universal Wants." Speaking on the plans of the committee, Miss Reeve said:

"In these times of depression there are many persons wishing to add to their incomes who have never had training along any special lines, but who could give service in various valuable ways. Most everyone has heard of the work of the English organization, and it occurred to some of us that the Churchwoman's Club might start a similar society here, and our President appointed a committee to see what could be done. We have had two meetings, and we think the outlook is promising. We have already received requests to supply workers, and have been able to fill the positions."

At present the committee is limiting its efforts to find places for its own members who are in need of employment. If the committee is successful in this, it is planned to extend its service to any woman who is a member of the Church in this Diocese.

Following is a list of some of the types of employment for which the club can supply competent people from among its own members:

Companion, mother's helper, experienced tutoring, chaperon, guide, accountant for individuals, accountant for societies, shopper, housekeeper, bookkeeper, marketer, reader, mender, exercising dogs, typist, woman to be with patient when nurse is off; woman to stay with elderly couple.

The committee is maintaining office hours every weekday, except Mondays, from 10 A. M. to 12 noon, at the Churchwoman's Club, 134 South 22nd Street, where a member of the club will be on duty to receive applications.

Among those interested in the project, either working on the committee or among the group of patronesses, are:

Mrs. Charles Biddle, Mrs. S. Hudson Chapman, Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, Miss Katharine Lenning, Mrs. George Wharton Pepper, Mrs. William Platt, Miss Laura Reeve, Mrs. J. Alison Scott, Mrs. Frederick Watson and Mrs. Clinton Rogers Woodruff.

The annual meeting of the club was held on Tuesday, January 15th, at which Mrs. S. Hudson Chapman was re-elected President for another three years; Mrs. C. J. Cutting was elected Third Vice-President, and Mrs. Walter C. Carr was elected Secretary. Those elected as members of the Board are Miss Elizabeth Fisher, Mrs. Alvin Gurley, Mrs. William Albert Wood, Mrs. Horace Bullock, Mrs. Robert Franklin Brown and Mrs. Ernest Scott. Following the business meeting a concert and tea was given. A most successful food sale was also carried on during the afternoon and evening.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Annual Meeting of the Church Periodical Club was held in the Church House on Thursday, January 10, with Mrs. C. M. Kempton, President, in the chair. This meeting is always an interesting one as, at this time, the results of the year's work is made known, and each Secretary is enlightened as to the activities of her fellow Secretaries, thereby encouraging and urging each one to larger and better work.

Despite obstacles, both financial and physical, the annual report showed the Church Periodical Club to be a very healthy and active organization. The speaker at the meeting was Captain C. J. Atkinson, of the Church Army, who told of the intensely interesting work being done by the Army and how great a help is the Church Periodical Club in furnishing reading matter for them. Following the meeting luncheon was served at the Women's City Club, which gave the opportunity for that social fellowship so necessary in the spreading of any good work.

The work of the Church Periodical Club this year will be for a Mission in Smoke Hole, West Virginia, where the people have been without any religious training until the Church Army stepped in and are helping the people of that community to love and follow Jesus Christ.

G. F. S. Sends Miss Moore to Mission Field

Another missionary has been added to the long list of those who have gone from the Diocese of Pennsylvania to serve the Church in its far-flung fields of service. Miss Florence Moore, a member of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, and from her early girlhood active in church work, left the city on January 20 for San Francisco, to sail on the steamship President Coolidge for China, to serve as a missionary teacher in St. Faith's School for Girls, Yangchow.

Miss Moore has volunteered for four years and the Girls Friendly Society is undertaking her support as the society's new mission object. The Girls Friendly Society paper, *The Record,* for January gives an entire page to "introducing" Miss Moore, and two additional pages to a special article by Dr. John W. Wood, Executive Secretary of the National Department of Missions, in which he describes the work of the school, and expresses his gratitude to the Girls Friendly Society for its willingness to assume the support of Miss Moore.

Miss Florence Moore

At St. Faith's School, Miss Moore will be assistant to Miss M. Althea Bremer, head of the school. St. Faith's was started in 1914, and Miss Bremer built it up in its early days and, as Dr. Wood points out, saw it go to smash in the troubles of 1927, when Yangchow was over-run by soldiers and our Church compound was occupied by no less than twenty-six different detachments of invading troops. For five years the school was closed. Yangchow pleaded for its reopening. Finally this was done, and since then Miss Bremer has been the only American on the staff. The arrival of Miss Moore will bring Miss Bremer a much-needed helper.

Miss Moore has long wanted to go as a missionary to China, and early made up her mind to specialize in religious education with the view of teaching in a girls' school. In her own parish she has been active in parish work and a teacher in the Church School, leading a Girl Scout Troop and working in the Young People's Fellowship. In the latter she was Chairman of the Diocesan Service Committee, and only recently resigned when she was notified of being accepted for China. She became a member of the G. F. S. in 1926. She is a graduate of Temple University and also enrolled for special courses in the Church Training School.

"I can't tell you how grateful I am to the Girls Friendly Society for sending me," Miss Moore said in an interview. "One day at the Church Training School I was told that Deaconess Putnam from China was there. That was my chance to talk to some one from China, and I can tell you I didn't lose any time. I shot out of the room and chased after the Deaconess. She told me lots of things, mostly about Miss Bremer, who was doing literally everything, getting up early in the morning and working all day and almost all night, and now I am going to help her."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAY TO INAUGURATE THIS YEAR'S WEEK FOR BLIND

Mrs. Frederick S. Fox, Chairman of the Elizabeth P. Martin League for Service of the Woman's Auxiliary, will again serve as Chairman for the Episcopal Church Day in connection with the Eighth Annual Educational Week for the Blind, which will open on March 18. The Gimbel Bros. have again donated the fifth floor of their store for the exhibition.

Mrs. Fox, in a statement urging the co-operation of all Episcopalians, announces that the opening day, Monday, March 18, has been assigned to the Episcopal Church. "We are anticipating a busy, happy, useful day," Mrs. Fox says in her statement. "Each year it grows larger in attendance and interest and much more is required of each loyal Episcopalian.

"We are planning to work through the six Chairmen of the Woman's Aid of the Convocations, and each Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is asked to give its co-operation. Donations of food and money are required for the luncheon, also volunteers for services. Please let your Convocation Chairman know, not later than March 9, what your church is planning to do. Checks may be sent directly to me to avoid double postage expenditure.

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"MATILDA P. FOX."

HOUSE OF REST EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO FRIENDS

We thank our friends for a very happy Christmas at the House of Rest for the Aged. A Christmas made possible by the generosity and thoughtfulness of our capable President, Mrs. John T. Custis, the Board of Managers and the ever-efficient Auxiliary of the Board. The creche, the gift of Mrs. Custis, delighted the aged members of the Home, and for many succeeding years the Home will enjoy the setting out of the lovely Nativity figures. The Home had a lovely tree full of gifts from friends and arranged by the Auxiliary. The other house had a lovely scene of the Star and the Wise Men leading to the creche in the "Big House." Christmas Eve six of the ladies went to St. Peter's Church.

For all the joy and thought of us at the Home we wish again to thank you.

LILY DALLAM TOWNSEND.

DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD ASKING FOR VESTMENTS

The Diocesan Altar Guild is receiving many appeals for Eucharistic vestments. These appeals come from this Diocese, from other Dioceses where there are no Diocesan Altar Guilds, and from the Mission field. It is obviously impossible for the Guild to supply an unlimited number of new vestments, yet it would be a matter of great regret to have to refuse such an appeal.

Used vestments in any color, if in sufficiently good condition to be repaired, would be gratefully received by the Guild.

A *white* set is needed for a church in this Diocese.

Also two sets of Communion Vessels, simple chalices and patens, cruets, and wafer boxes, are needed for two missions in the West.

If there are any parishes having any of these articles that they are able and willing to part with, please communicate with the President of the Guild, Mrs. Sumner H. Cross, Jenkintown, Pa. Thelephone: Ogontz 454.

PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON CAUSE AND CURE OF WAR

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary and other organizations and groups interested in the movement for international peace have been invited to attend the All-Day Regional Conference on the Cause and Cure of War on Thursday, February 14, in which representatives from the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland will participate. The Conference will be held in the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, beginning at 10 A. M. Mrs. Frank Miles Day will preside.

The morning session will include reports on the proceedings of the Tenth National Conference which has just been held in Washington, D. C., together with a discussion. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Honorary President of the National Committee, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon to be given at 12.30. The afternoon session, which will open at 1.45 o'clock, will include addresses by Mrs. Catt, Dr. Dewitt Clinton Poole, Director of the School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University; Hon. James P. Pope, United States Senator from Idaho, and Mrs. Francis R. Strawbridge, President of the Philadelphia County League of Women Voters. Miss Margaret Buttenheim, of New Jersey, will conduct a Model Marathon Round Table.

Registration for all day, including the luncheon, is $1.75; for the luncheon, including the afternoon session, $1.50, and a single session, 50 cents. Checks should be made payable to Mrs. H. Childs Rodgers, Treasurer, 1906 Walnut street, and mailed to her with applications for reservations.

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CHURCH GROUP PLANNING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WELFARE

A number of members of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions are planning to be in attendance and to participate in the Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Conference on Social Welfare, which will meet in Pittsburgh, during the week of February 18.

The conference program includes a number of general meetings, panel and forum discussions and institutes for intensive study of specific problems. A number of the subjects which will come before the conference include those which members of the Diocesan department have been considering.

"Social Security," is the general theme on which the program of the conference is based. Much interest is being centered in the discussion of the proposed new County Welfare plan, which has been prepared by the Public Charities Association and is intended to take the place of the present haphazard, inefficient and wasteful systems. This new plan, which provides for the consolidation and reorganization of the existing public relief and public welfare services, was explained in detail in the January issue of THE CHURCH NEWS, in a special article by one of our own Churchmen, Dr. Charles H. Frazier, who is the President of the Public Charities Association of the state. The proposed new plan was endorsed by our Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service at its November meeting and subsequently received the endorsement of the Central Committee on Christian Social Service of the five Dioceses in the state. Discussion of the new plan is fixed for Friday, February 22.

On Thursday morning, February 21, a forum discussion will attempt to determine "What Social Benefits do we see Starting to Accrue from the NRA?" The same afternoon, in a general session of the Family Welfare Division, the Rev. John O'Grady, Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and Dean of the School of Social Work, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., will speak on "Conflicting Philosophies of Family Life."

Requests for conference programs, for registration and all other information should be addressed to the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare, Community Fund Building, 519 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In Memoriam

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For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluia.

WILLIAM J. DICKSON

On the eighteenth day of November, 1934, William J. Dickson, a devoted servant of Christ and His Church, passed into life eternal. The Executive Council of the Diocese of Pennsylvania wishes to express its loss and sorrow to his loved ones and to record its appreciation of a faithful Christian worker and friend.

Mr. Dickson served his Church and Diocese unselfishly at every call. He was a vestryman of Christ Church, Media, for more than thirty years and the Rector's Warden for over twenty years. He was a member (with the exception of two years) of the Diocesan Convention from 1904 through 1934. Many years was he a member of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Property Committee—which entailed much time and patience. His advice was sought and freely given in all matters dealing with the business side of the Church especially in the matter of real estate.

His quiet Christian manner endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact. His warm and generous heart expressed itself in kindliness of speech and with charity to all men. His Christian spirit will long be remembered among us as one who loved his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God grant that he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in His Father's Kingdom.

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WILLIAM J. DICKSON

Christ Church Parish, Media, Pa., has sustained a profound loss in the death of William J. Dickson, Rector's Warden. To his companions on the Vestry and to his Rector his passing brought not only a deep sense of regret for one so able and devoted in his Church work and Christian life but also a very real human sorrow for a true friend. But they give thanks to God for such a fruitful and faithful life and rejoice in his release into the higher life of Paradise. As the church bells were ringing early on the morning of Sunday (Day of Resurrection) the eighteenth of November, 1934, his soul went to its Easter.

Mr. Dickson was an outstanding layman of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and served with distinction for many

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"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let Light perpetual shine on him."

HOWARD R. SHEPPARD

By the death of Howard R. Sheppard on December 24th, the Evangelical Education Society lost one of its most efficient and esteemed members. Always distinguished by the fidelity of his attendance and the sanity of his counsels, he was the inevitable selection for the treasureship when that office became vacant by the death of Alfred Lee in 1927.

The burdens of this office he bore cheerfully in the recent hard times, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

His sudden death is felt by all its members to be the loss not only of an important official, but also of a valued friend and of a sincere Christian, who fought valiantly for the truth as it is in Jesus, and also adorned his profession by the friendliness, integrity and sincerity of his life.

CARL E. GRAMMER,
CHARLES H. LONG.

January 4th, 1935.

REV. GILBERT E. PEMBER

On November 19th, 1934, the Trustees of the Church Mission of Help in their first meeting following the death of the Rev. D. Gilbert E. Pember resolved to place upon their minutes a resolution memorializing the name and devotion of their late President.

Dr. Pember had been the Diocesan President of the Church Mission of Help since its incorporation in 1921. He was ever active in advancing its work in this Diocese, and served also as a representative on the Executive Committee of the National Council, C. M. H. His loss to us as a Board of Trustee is a great one; and we share with the many other organizations in which he was a leading spirit the same sense of sorrow and deprivation. Our deep sympathy is extended to all who loved him as a friend, and as a vigorous

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JAMES C. GILBERT,
for the Board of Trustees.

HOWARD R. SHEPPARD

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved friend and co-worker, Mr. Howard Reynolds Sheppard, the Vestry of Zion Church, at a regular stated meeting on January 21, 1935, resolved that in the death of Mr. Sheppard, Senior Warden, there was sustained the loss of an active, zealous and efficient worker, uniformly evidencing his hearty interest in the welfare of the Parish.

A life-long member of Zion Church, Mr. Sheppard was baptized February 23, 1873, confirmed March 12, 1879, and was elected to the Vestry April 21, 1889, serving continuously since that time. An active Sunday School worker, he served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent for forty years. He also took an active interest in the work of the Diocese, being elected delegate from Zion Parish to the Diocesan Convention, April 22, 1908, and serving continuously since that time.

The Rector, Vestry and members of the congregation of Zion Church feel a personal loss in the passing away of this faithful friend and co-worker. We wish to extend our deep sympathy to his wife and son, and pray "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" will comfort them in their bereavement.

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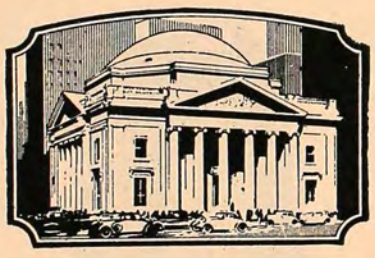

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